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PM complains to Ross about Egyptian

> threats DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu used much of his 100minute meeting with US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross yesterday to hlast Egypt for using a variety of threats against Israel. Netanyahu said this was incompatible with a country which has been at peace with Israel for 17 years, informed sources said.

While Netanyahu did not single out any Egyptian hy name, sources said he was furious about a variety of different remarks hy President Hosni Mubarak, who had threatened to delay the Middle East economie summit, scheduled for Cairo in November, unless there is more tangihle progress in the peace process.

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Teva's MS drug gets initial okay from FDA

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

AFTER 11 months of review proceedings, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries yesterday received the recommendation of a US Food and Drug Administration advisory panel for its multiple sclerosis

drug, Copaxone.

The Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs advisory panel unanimously recommended that the FDA approve Copaxone, Teva's first original drug, and ruled that it is both safe and effective. Past history indicates that the FDA usually follows the panel's

advice. (Continued on Page 18)

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2 soldiers killed in S. Lebanon clash



A Blackhawk helicopter arrives back in the security zooe after evacuating the wounded from yesterday's attack while a Cobra gunship hovers in the background. (Avibu Shapira/Israel Sm)

Peace talks with Syria unlikely to resume soon Officials admit that it is harder

DAVID MAKOVSKY and DAVID RUDGE

willing to accept previous under-

standings, there is little to discuss.

Syria," one senior official said.

"We don't have to run after

PEACE talks with Syria are unlikely to resume in the near future, officials in Jerusalem said yesterday, after US envoy Dennis Ross finished a three-day visit to

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Other officials reiterated that standings tied to the Golan, but

Minister Binyamin Prime Netanyahu refuses to accept as binding previous unwritten under-

only agrees that Israel is "willing to examine ideas" presented in the The state-run Syrian media has suggested that if Netanyahu is not

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near the northern perimeter of the security zone.

Lt. Tsur Parnas, 21, of Moshav Kidron, and Staff-Sgt. Zohar Mintz, 20, of Kiryat Bialik, were

FIERCE fighting erupted in south

Golani Brigade soldiers were

Mintz, who had earlier served as a navy commando but was reassigned to the Golani Brigade due to knee problems, is to be buried at Kiryat Bialik's military cemetery at 1 p.m. today. The time and place of Parnas's funeral was not announced last night; his parents received the news of his death in Spain, where they have been emissaries for three years.

All the wounded were evacuated hy helicopter to Ramham Hospital in Haifa.

One, Itamar Yedid, was in serious condition with injuries to his pelvis and internal organs. Deputy hospital director Dr. Zvi Ben-Yishai said he had uodergone surgery and was stabilized.

The other soldiers all suffered light injuries. One was released yesterday; another, Eran Bar-Maor, was transferred at his family's request to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer. Ronen Klein, suffering from dehydration, is likely

to be released today.

The others - Naveh Ruhio,
Amir Ashkenazi, Yaniv Brumo, and Chen Almoslino - are in the hospital's orthopedie ward. At least three Hizbullah gummen

were believed to have been killed and a number of others wounded in the firefight, which lasted over an hour.

The elash itself occurred around 8:30 a.m., not far from the IDF's Soujud position in the northeastem sector of the zone. The Golani soldiers were on

patrol when they encountered what appears to have been a squad of around a dozen Hizbullah gun-

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine said the sol-Lebanon yesterday, after two diers surprised the terrorists on killed and eight others wounded in a clash with Hizbullah gummen what they considered to be their own turf and opened fire.

"It appears to have been a squad that had intended to make preparations to carry out an attack on either an IDF or SLA stronghold and was surprised while en route." he said. "We prefer to meet Hizbullah as far as possible from the confrontation lines.

"We paid a painful price, but the other side was hit even harder and the mission was accomplished. It is very difficult, in such battles, to avoid casualties, especially in such very difficult terrain and at such close quarters."

The Golani soldiers apparently opened fire with machine guns and hurled grenades at the Hizbullah squad, and Parnas was killed in the initial exchange. The soldiers, however, continued to chase the gunmen, and Mintz was fatally wounded in the subsequent

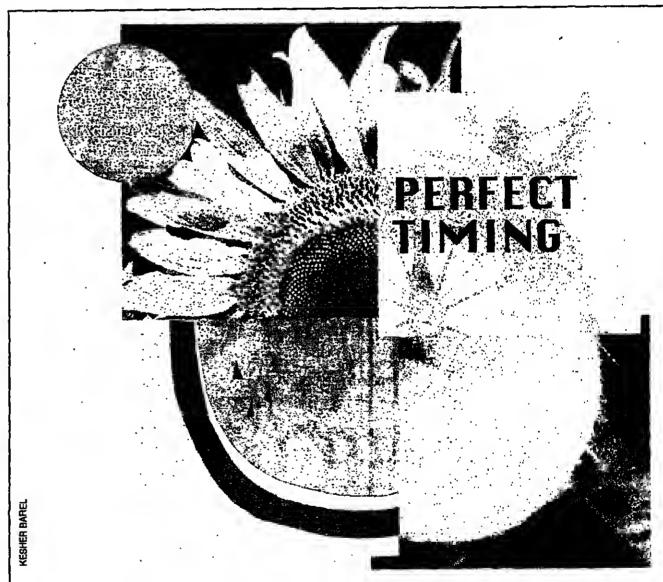
Hizhullah gunners fired dozens of rounds of mortars at the area and at the nearby IDF and SLA positions at Soujud and Rehan,

prompting heavy return fire. IAF planes twice struck at Hizhullah bases, and helicopter gunships were also in action.

The IDF Spokesman said the planes struck at Hizbullah targets to silence mortar fire at IDF and SLA positions. The statement said the pilots reported accurate hits and all the planes returned safely

Hizbullah gunmen also fired mortars at IDF and SLA targets io the Beit Yahoun region, in the western sector of the zone: Alman in the central area; and the Ali Tahr hill range in the east. IDF and SLA gumners returned

Reports from Lehanon said Mariam Ma'adi, of Jaba'a village in the Iglim al-Toufah region, was wounded by the artillery fire. (Continued on Page 18)



to make concessions to Damascus

while Syria is engaging in threat-

ening troop movements on the

northern slopes of Mt. Hermon,

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Ross departed from his usual

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PLANS for the construction of nearly 3,000 homes in a oumber of settlements in Judea and Samaria were approved by the administration

Wednesday night, a civil administratioo spokesman coofirmed yesterday. The plans must be signed hy Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai before work can

The approval came just a day after Mordechai signed other plans enabling the building of 1,800 units in the haredi settlement of Kiryat Sefer/Mattityau.

Settlement leaders said the plans are among some 300 in the hureaucratic pipeline for years, but which the Labor government did not act upon. Since the new government has come to power,

Plan for 3,000 new housing units now moves to Mordechai for review some 15 plans have started to tile," and warned that "hostility ed housing does not exist," Leiter move through the various stages of civil administration approval.

The new plans, according to a civil administration official, include some 1,400 units in Alfei Menashe, 1,160 in Emmanuel, over 200 in the Jordan Valley, 122 in Kedumim, and 16 m Otniel.

The body also approved a master plan for Hadar Betar, designed to become a new neighborhood of the haredi settlement of Betar. Approval of the master plan is the first step in the long process of

Addressing the state parliament of Hesse in Weisbaden, Germany yesterday, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat called the expansioo "provocative and hosand war appear again on the hori-

zon," according to AP. The Palestinian Information Ministry said the decision was tantamount to a "declaration of war against Palestinian land," and said that peace and settlements were incompatible

Yehiel Leiter, spokesman for the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria. and Gaza, said that what is at issue are plans allowing private investors in build at these sites, not government-funded construction along the lines of what took place in 1991 and 1992, when Ariel Sharon served as housing

"A hudget for government-fund-

ernment is "burying any hope for Leiter, as well as other settle-

ment officials, were downplaying the move's significance. "As far as the settlement movement is concerned, there is no room for jubilation," he said. "These plans have all been in the pipeline for the last four years, the approval can be revoked, and little was approved for the heartlands in Judea and Samaria. If [Prime Minister Binyamini Netanyahu is serious about preventing a PLO state, the government had better start approving building in the heart-

While settlement leader were downplaying the significance of the new plans, Peace Now said that, with these permits, the gov-"This is a clear statement

regarding their path," the group said in a communique. Both Peace Now and settlement officials agreed on one thing: The timing of the approval, just as Mordechai was meeting with

Arafat, was meant to reduce criticism of the government's policies from the settlement movement and the right. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid

claimed that the government intends to massively increase settlements over the Green Line. "I know the government intends increasing the settlements by 50 percent within the next two

years," he said.
"The 2,000 housing units which have just been approved in various settlemeots are just the first step toward realizing the Netanyahu-Sharon-haredi governmeot's project of increasing settlements. The settlements will hring disaster on Israel and take us back to the old, bad, and dangerous Middle East."

In a related development, the police yesterday kept the Binyamin Regional Council from setting up 10 mobile homes in Dnley. Leiter said that the settlers did not ask for permission to move the mobile homes as a matter nf principle. He said that just as approval is not necessary for a regional council inside the Green Line to move mobile homes within its area of jurisdiction, the same should be the case in the territomel-Pi

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Rabin

Also yesterday, Labor Party leader Shimon Peres went to the girls' seminary in Ofra, where he was filmed for a BBC biography. He was instrumental in establishing Ofra when he was defense minister in the mid-'70s.

Peres told the students that he did not come to the settlement as prime minister, because he did not think it would yield any constructive dialogue. He also said that the spiritual crisis facing the country is no less serious then the security threat, and that he has always been careful not to disparage the settlers. He was warmly received.

Liat Collins contributed to this

Mordechai addresses families of fallen paratroopers

"TWO nights ago, I couldn't sleep because I knew I was going to meet with the head of the Palestinian Authority." Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said yesterday during a memorial service for the 1,379 paratroopers who have fallen defending the

"And I asked myself how will my [fallen] comrades, whose names are inscribed on this wall behind me, look at me? I knew "that same of them would strongly disapprove. 1 also / knew that others would support ... me because they fnught and fell for the goal we all believe in: that one day we will reduce the years.

"THIS government may go down

in history as the government

which stopped the peace talks,"

one of the Palestinian participants

in Wednesday oight's meeting

between Defense Minister Yitzhak

Mordechai and Palestinian

Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat

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dangers and maybe, just maybe, we will hring peace to the nation," Mordechai said io a ceremony oear the Tel Nof

Virtually all the IDF top brass, most of whom have deep roots in the Paratroop Brigade, attended the ceremony. Notably absent was OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, who was occupied by the fatal Lebanon clash. Mordechai also noted the conspicuous absence of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, who had not missed a ceremony for 10

"The root of the problem was

that the defense minister was not

willing to cooperate in a joint

effort to settle security issues

within the context of agreements,

but wanted to change them," said Saeh Erekat, Palestinian head of

the steering committee, which will

take up efforts to resolve the issue

of redeployment in Hebron, possi-

Not only was no agreement

reached, but no principles were

bly next Tuesday.

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"The paratroopers determined our values and set the standards for the rest of the IDF," Mordechai said. "They showed that Jewish blood is not cheap and that anyone who harmed us would pay a heavy

"Today, there is an erosion [in motivation] among some sections of the nation and they should come to these stones ... and draw from them the courage and readiness to bravely defend the state," he said.

The memorial wall was filled with flowers, as each family found the name of its fallen paratrooper. Four names were added to the memorial wall this year.

"It is a question of getting

engaged together. We have an Israeli government which is slow

tn honor its commitments, but

faster than a bullet when it comes

to confiscating land and establish-

During the meeting, the settle-

ment issue was raised repeatedly.

The Palestinian side reportedly

said: "Please stop this," and

The meeting took so long - four

hours - because "both sides

repeated themselves many times."

Mordechai did not respond.

Erakat said.

ing settlements," Erekat said.

Palestinians disappointed by Arafat-Mordechai meeting

JON IMMANUEL and DAVID MAKOVSKY

Lebanese stage set to Assad's gain

THE escalation of Hizhullah's activities against the IDF and South Lebanese Army following the conclusion of Lebanon's parliamentary elections earlier this

week was to be expected. The massive IDF response to Hizbullah's operations yesterday with artillery bombardments and air raids - was also predictable, in view of the government's warnings beforehand.

In fact, Syrian President Hafez Assad anticipated both. In Hizhullah's case, he was fully aware of the organization's intentions, which support Syria's interest of keeping the pressure on Israel.

He also, appareotly, took seriously Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's

He said Arafat ooted that securi-

ty arrangements could be resolved

Hebron. "We are ready to discuss

security arrangements," Erekat

He onted, hnwever, that Mordechai had ioterpreted

Arafat's call for the release of pris-

oners as a demand for a gesture,

for which Israel could demand a

gesture, with Mordechai seeming

unaware that the release of prison-

ers is an existing ohligation. Israeli officials, however, said

they were encouraged by Erekat's statement regarding security

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told AP.

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8, 21, 32, 33, and 45, and the additional number was 28.

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attacks for majnr Hizhullah operations. He initiated the necessary precautions by mnving his troops out of visible and easily targeted positions in Beirut and on strategic hills overlooking it to more

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defensible ones in the Bekaa He ensured, however, that hundreds of undercover ageots remained behind to prevent any onset of Lebanese dissent against Syrian authority, while publicly demnnstrating confidence in Lebanon's ability to control its

own security. That some of the redeployed special forces, composed of highly trained commandos, have been moved to positions from

which they can threaten a sur-prise attack on Mt. Hermon, also gives his forces an affensive

Hizbullah free to pursue intensive nperations against the IDF in the security zone, under its guise of being a "legitimate Lehanese resistance movement." The stage is now set for an

upsurge of violence, in which Syria and its protege can reap diplomatic gains in the Arab and Western world by painting Israel as the brutal aggressor in the event of massive reprisals tn Hizbullah's activities. On the military side, Syrian

forces also are better deployed to defend themselves and launch a counterstrike should the fighting spill over into its territory.

And Assad can still pose his own threat, backed by Scud missiles and chemical warheads, to Israel. simply hy keeping his troops in

Soldiers killed in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Staff

EIGHTEEN soldiers have been killed by enemy fire in Lebanon so

Lt.-Col. Hussein Amir Ali Amar. 29, of Julis; Lt. Uri Helman, 21, of Tel Aviv; St.-Sgt. Mahmond Ju'ama, 21, of Arab el-Aramsha; and Mohammed Fuaz, 27, of Ilaboun were killed in a roadside bomb attack on March 4.

Staff-Sgt. Erez David, 19, of Caesarea, was killed on March 10, when Hizbullah gunmen detonated a roadside bomb.

 Capt. Salah Zeidan, 23, of Beit Jam, was killed when a Hizbullah suicide bomber hurled himself at an IDF convoy on March 20.

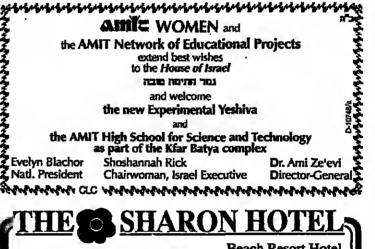
 St.-Sgt. Uri Shraga Friedman, 20, of Ramat Hasharon, died when his position in the security zone came under fire.

· Lt.-Col. Yoram Dehan, 32; Capt. Moshe Harosh, 23; Lt. Yitzhak Mizrahi, 21; and St.-Sgt. Yitzhak Shapira, 21, were killed on May 30 in an elaborate doublebomh trap set by Hizbullah.

 Lt. Lior Ramon, 21, of Ramat Gan; Lt. Yishai Shechter, 21, of Kedumim; Staff- Sgt. Idan Gavriel, 20, of Herzliya; Staff-Sgt. Amir Ben-Moshe, 21, of Moshav Yuvalim; and Sgt. Yaniv Roimi, 21, of Afula, were killed in a Hizhullah ambush on June 10.

 Staff-Sgt. Tehauhu Aslan, 20,
 nf Kfar Kama, was killed while attempting to help wounded com-rades as Hizbullah shelled an IDF outpost oo August 6.

 St.-Sgt. Amitai Almadan, 19, of Rosh Ha'ayin, was killed in a close-range clash with Hizbullah gunmen nn August 30.



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ON the eve of his first trip to

European capitals as the prime minister, Binyamin

Netanyahu said yesterday

that the continent's foreign

told reporters yesterday. Visits by foreign diplomats, Netanyahu said, "encourage the violations of [the peace]

agreements by Palestinian Authority."

Israel itself.

Netanyahu, who will visit

London, Paris and Bonn

between September 24 and

26, said Europe has an

important role to play in

regional peacemaking and in

"Europe is increasingly

important for Israel, in terms

of trade, culture and also pol-

He added that European

states could play a special role in the region's economy

as well, moving from the sta-

tus of donors to that of

itics," Netanyahu said.

Israel-Palestinian memorial for Rabin planned

A JOINT Israeli-Palestinian event to commemorate the November 4 anniversary of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination is being planned in take place in Tel Aviv, Ramallah and at the Erez

Israeli and Palestinian spokesmen confirmed that ideas for such an event were discussed at a meeting in Ramallah two weeks ago.

"About 12 people from both sides [attended]," said Ofer Bronchstein, head of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East.

The idea for a joiot event was tabled at a meeting of some 200 Palestinian intellectuals held at Al-Bireh in August, said Muhammad Batrawi, general manager of the PA Culture Ministry. He added that it was one of several ideas put forward "to further the cause of peace because we have to do something too, oot

just leave it to the politicians." The Palestinians decided to call a joint meeting with their Israeli counterparts "because we have always had a good relationship and we thought that it would be good to do something together for peace," he said.

Batrawi agreed that any joint cultural or commemorative event would have a political dimension because of the situation, but we all decided that we wouldn't involve ourselves in politics."

Those at the Ramallah meeting included Salman Khoury, deputy general manager of PA Broadcasting; Assad el-Assad, head of the Palestinian Writers Association; MK Nissim Zvilli; and poet Salman Natur.

Bronchstein said that the precise nature of the event has yet to be decided and that another meeting is planned in Ramallah next

Environmental groups, Sarid praise Eitan's opposition to Arazim Valley plan

ENVIRONMENT Minister Rafael Eitan's decision to act against construction plans in the Arazim Valley, at the western entrance to Jerusalem, has been praised by green groups and Eitan's predecessor, MK Yossi Sarid (Meretz.)

"Until now I have been disappointed by Eitan's position and stands which have not been compatible with the good of the environment," Sarid said yesterday. "Finally, here is a pleasant surprise. Building up the Arazim Valley would be a fatal blow to Jerusalem's unique character and the rare ancient landscape."

On Wednesday, Eitan said he recommended turning the valley into a national park. "The Arazim Valley is a national asset from which ever way you look at it. The open landscape should be preserved there as determined in the master plan for open areas in Jerusalem and the current national outline plan." Eitan said, however, that he supports

strengthening and building Jerusalem, including the areas to the west of the city, by building mainly oo the mountain ridges.

The decision to oppose the Arazim Valley development was praised by environmental groups, including the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, which have so far not seen eye-to-eye with most of the new

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Housing flap in eastern J'lem

Jews, Arabs stake claim to building on Nablus Road

BILL HUTMAN

attempted takeover of an Arab building in eastern Jerusalem yesterday is likely to mark the start of other similar efforts by Jewish groups in Arab sections of the city. Jerusalem Police chief Arye Amit warned.

ministers should stay away from Orient House, the PLO headquarters in eastern "The real estate season in east Jerusalem has begun," Amit said. at an impromptu press conference called just outside the building. "We will not meet with foracross from the American Consulate on Nablus Road. eign ministers who visit Orient House," Netanyahn

"There are many other buildings, I won't say how many, that have been purchased [by settle-ment groups], or are in the process of being purchased," Amit said. Yesterday's standoff between

security guards hired by the settlement group that claims to have purchased the building, or at least part of it, and an Arab family that claims half the building, ended with both sides being forced out of

the building by police.
Police identified the group as
Ateret Cohanim, which has spearheaded the purchase of Arab homes in the capital's Old City. Ateret Cohanim members, accompanied by the security guards, broke into the building just after midnight Wednesday, according to police sources.

In the morning, the Ateret Cohanim members were gone, baving left the seveo security guards locked inside to hold on to the building. Police said the guards hit a member of the Rashid family, which claims to own half the structure, when he tried to get

inside. A standoff ended several hours later, after negotiations between the two sides, which led to the site being evacuated by the guards, who were then questioned by police in connection with the assault of the family member.

Ateret Cohanim director Matti-Dan denied his group was involved. "We operate in other areas of the city," he said, and declined further commeot.
Sources close to the purchasers

said they bought "at least 50 percent" of the building several years ago, through a front company based in the Virgin Islands. The sources identified the company as the "Dawn Holding Company," but would not say who was involved.

"They bought the building for peanuts," according to one source. The sources said the move into the bome was prompted by threats received by the Arab guard hired by the holding company, from Palestinian Authority security

The guard was summoned to Ramallah by the agents and forced



An Arab man argues with a policeman and a border policema yesterday outside the disputed building in eastern Jerusalem.

to turn over the keys to the building, the sources said. The police spokesman said police received similar reports, and are investigat-

Attorney Mohammed Dahlah, representing the Rashid family, said he has documents proving his clieots own 50 percent of the building, and believes that the other half may have been sold by a Palestinian businessman who today lives in Sweden.

"Even if the settlers own half the building, it doesn't give them the right to force there way inside, and to take over the entire building. Dahlah said.

The attorney obtained a court order forbidding the security company from re-cotering until a hearing is beld on the matter next month. Amit, however, issued an order also forbidding the Arab family from entering, on security



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The Hebron fait accompli

RIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's decision to renegotiate the Hebron redeployment agreement without even consulting his inner cabinet has aroused the ire of a majority of this cabinet - and rightly so.

Netanyahu insists that the cabinet deputed complete authority over the negotiations to a three-member team consisting of himself. Foreign Minister David Levy and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai. The six dissenting members of the 11-member inner cabinet argue that when they agreed to the resolution in question - which states simply that "the results of the negotiations conducted by the narrow forum [of ministers] will be brought to the cabinet for approval" - they were merely stipulating that the final agreement needed cabinet approval. It never occurred to them, they said, that this could be interpreted as waiving any prior discussion of the principles on which the negotiations should be conducted.

Whoever is right about the semantics of the resolution, the six dissenters are right in principle. Hebron is far too important an issue for the cabinet not to have any input.

Obviously, negotiations cannot be conducted by an 11-member body. Negotiating involves myriad small trade-offs, and if cabinet approval were required for every one, the process would never end. The appointment of a three-member team to supervise the negotiations, with the stipulation that the final agreement be approved by the cabinet, was therefore an appropriate move.

However, the broad outlines of what an agreement should look like should be agreed upon with the cabinet in advance. By not doing so, Netanyahu opens himself up to several possible problems.

The first is simply that no single person ever thinks of everything. Discussing the broad outlines of a new agreement with the full cabinet first decreases the chances that something vital will be overlooked.

More importantly, however, once a new agreement is concluded with Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat, it will be impossible for the cabinet to change any part of it without causing a major crisis. This makes a mockery of the entire democratic process of checks and balances - as Netanyahu himself repeatedly hammered home before the elec-

As leader of the opposition, Netanyahu vigorously and consistently objected to former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's proposal for a referendum on the Golan for precisely this reason. Rabin's idea was that after an agreement with Syria was reached, it would be brought for the public's approval via a referendum. Netanyahu argued in response that one could not tell what people really wanted by asking them under duress - i.e. by presenting them with a fait accompli and then telling them they could either approve it or face an imminent war with

This, however, is precisely what Netanyahu is trying to do to his cabinet. Present them with a fait accompli on Hebron, and then tell them they can either approve it or be responsible for the explosion of the process and a renewed wave of

In addition to the duhious political morality of such a procedure, it is also tactically stupid. In the worst-case scenario, Netanyahu risks having an enraged cabinet actually reject the agreement, creating a crisis which would never have erupted had the ministers' views been taken into account in the first place.

A more likely scenario is that the cabinet would approve the agreement by a narrow margin, but nurse a mammoth grievance, and take its revenge by foiling some of the prime minister's major domestic initiatives. The power of pique as a factor in Israeli politics cannot be underestimated, as the Likud, of all parties, should remember. When the Likud was last in power, from 1990-92, the party refused to pass many of then finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i's anti-inflation measures simply because so many Likud MKs hated Moda'i for defecting from the party and then being bought back at an exorbi-

Even if negotiating guidelines were agreed upon in advance, it is of course possible that Netanyahu would be unable to reach an agreement along these lines and would need to modify them. As the prime minister has ultimate responsibility for foreign policy, cabinet guidelines cannot be iron bands. In that case, the cabinet would at least know its input had been considered, and it could evaluate whatever agreement is reached on its merits, without the distorting element of pique.

Furthermore, it is to Netanyahu's tactical advantage to have such guidelines when he enters the negotiations, because this enables him to blame the cabinet when he does not want to make concessions. The good cop/bad cop routine may be as old as history, but it remains in use because it is effective.

One issue many cabinet ministers are pressing, to which the prime minister would be wise to pay closer heed, is the question of who controls civilian affairs, such as water and electricity, after the redeployment. According to the Oslo Accords, for instance, the responsibility for supplying water to the Jewish residents of Hebron remains in Israeli hands, but the PA will control the municipal water system. Given PA control over the municipal system, however, it is not clear how Israel can ensure the water supply of the Jewish residents.

The government's responsibility towards the Jewish community in Hebron includes not only the maintenance of security, but also a guarantee of the basic conditions for normal life, such as water and electricity. Netanyahu has so far stressed the issue of physical security in Hebron, but it behooves the government to give some thought to these other issues as well.



Risk of a war no one wants

WHEN military movements produce tension and anxiety levels rise - as they do almost every year around You Kippur people are in no mood to think about theories of international relations. Nevertheless, the uncertainty surrounding Israel's relations with Syria underscores the dangers of acting on instinct and neglecting

more systematic thought. For the last half-century the conceptual legacy of World War II has dominated thinking about war and peace. Three terms embody that legacy - Mein Kampf, Munich and Pearl Harbor. These have become metaphors for the disastrous consequences of failing to recognize, resist and prepare against the intentions of aggressive autocrats.

Having learned the lessons of this failure, policymakers and analysts have resolved never to repeat the mistakes of complacency and appeasement that led to war. Instead, they have fashioned strategies of deterrence calculated to warn potential aggressors that their intentions are known, are taken scriously, and will be resisted, and that the capacity to defeat and to punish them is available and will

And to eliminate any possible doubt about their credibility, these warnings are often accompanied by actions, including weapons tests, troop movements, and other shows of force.

The impact of World War II was so vivid and overwhelming that its lessons provided an almost unchallenged, frame week, for fashioning western security policy during the Cold War. As for Israel, the trauma of the Holocaust and the seeming parallel between its security problem and that of the democracies in the 1930s - even Anthony Eden once compared Nasser to Hitler have combined to make deterrence a policy axiom since the establishment of the state.

The only real problem with the World War II model is that it doesn't describe every situation. Not all wars are caused by the failMARK A. HELLER

ure to deter the aggressive intentions of hostile forces. Some result from a misreading of intentions, and from precautionary measures that are misinterpreted by the other side as a prelude to attack. This leads to preemptive or preventive action which turns out, in retro-

spect, to have been unwarranted. The outbreak of World War I has been explained by this dynamic. and it provides an entirely different model of war, that of miscalculation and loss of cootrol, which can only be avoided by an entirely different strategy: reassurance. assume that Assad is bent on a conscious course of military coofrontation with Israel. This conclusion should be qualified by two considerations. Assad may believe that however

slight his chances of recovering the Golan by military means, his prospects of doing so through negotiations are even worse. The second is that the missiles at Assad's disposal may persuade him that he can deter Israel from escalating a war, thus limiting the risk be runs - but this safety-net may soon disappear if Israel devel-

It is vital to beware the dangers of applying 'lessons of history' to situations where they may not fit

Indeed, the behavior of most Western leaders before World War Il may be understood as a misplaced attempt to avoid the mistakes that led to the outbreak of World War L

Of course it is often difficult to know in advance which situation prevails and which strategy of waravoidance is therefore more appropriate. But it is vital at the very least to be aware of the dangers of indiscriminately applying "lessons of history" to situations where they may not fit.

ALL OF which brings us back to Syria If Assad is Hitler and Syria is Nazi Germany, then an Israeli policy of deterrence based on credible threats is the most appropriate

way to avoid war. But this is a difficult analogy to make. The personalities are entirely different, as is the willingness to take risks, and the ideological commitment. Most important, the relative resources and capabilities are entirely different.

There is therefore little reason to

ops an effective anti-missile defense system.

Nevertheless, given global and regional developments, the Israeli-Syrian balance of forces and Assad's demonstrated record of prudence, there isn't much evidence to suggest that the World War II model is applicable to the Syrian-Israeli relationship, as it was in 1973.

And if it isn't, acting as if it is raises all the dangers of the World War I model. And that is precisely what seems to have happened in the last few months.

The election of Binyamin Netanyahu was greeted in the Syrian media by a barrage of vitriolic propaganda; but Syria had been demonized by the Likud long before the election. It, not Iran, was identified as the primary villain in Lebanon, and threats to respond to Hizbullah attacks by hitting Syrian targets in Lebanon were followed by all kinds of loose speculation about "triple containment."

The heat was then turned up by what could only be inspired leaks, about Syrian troop movements—as if to say publicly, "We know about all this, and if it goes too far, we won't repeat the mistake we made in 1973."

In this atmosphere, there is a serious danger that rhetorical escalation and measures and countermeasures meant to anticipate the imagined plans of the other side may result in loss of control. In particular, there is a risk that some flare-up in Lebanon will precipitate a slide into large-scale hostilities no one really intends.

Of course, minimal levels of vigilance and preparedness need to be maintained, but there is also an urgent need to end inflammatory rhetoric (and other sources of amoety, such as televised reports of exercises and maneuvers) and to use all channels of communication to convey reassuring messages.

Beyond these damage-limitation steps, it is vital to address the political context that is holding up resumption of negotiations and creating an atmosphere that encourages World War I-type sce-

No one seriously expects the present government to commit itself to a total withdrawal from the Golan. But the government has declared its commitment to the process which began at Madrid on the basis of UN Security Council Resolution 242.

If the government ultimately intends to endorse the near-universal interpretation of the Madud formula to mean some form of unspecified "territories-for-peace" deal, it should say so now and at least leave Assad a slight incentive not to despair completely of the diplomatic option.

If it is not willing to do that, then we should all prepare for continuing tension and the risk of a war nobody wants.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

SETTLEMENT FREEZE there would be no need to explicitly

bar construction in any specific lo-

cation. Oslo II bars Israeli construc-

tion in one specific location: the

Mawasi Beach in the Gaza Strip.

"There will not be any construction

by Israelis of new sites along the

beach" (Annex I, Article VI, Sub-paragraph 5c(5)). Consequently,

construction elsewhere is not

It is interesting to note that while

Oslo II does not har settlement con-

struction, it does prohibit Palestinian

construction which may hurt the Jewish settlements: "The Palestin-

ian side shall ensure that no con-

struction close to the settlements and

military locations will harm, dam-

age or adversely affect them or the

infrastructure serving them" (Annex III, Appendix 1, Article 27,

Subparagraph 3.a).
What then is a "change in sta-

tus"? It is a change in legal status.

Plainly put, Israel cannot annex the

West Bank and Gaza and the PA

cannot unilaterally declare a sover-

cign state of Palestine within the

West Bank and/or the Gaza Strip.

only be made on the basis of actual

commitments - not fantasies.

DR. AARON LERNER, Associate

Independent Media Review and

penetrating analysis reveals that just

I feel almost embarrassed for not

appreciating the subtilities of the

actions that, according to Mr. Av-

nery, "enacted Sharon's policies."

It appears that I and many of my

neighbors wasted a significant

amount of our time at anti-govern-

ment railies when we should have

been demonstrating in support of its

NOAM KAMPLER

the opposite was the case.

Kfar Sava.

policies.

Ginot Shomron.

FORMER GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES

Progress in the peace process can

prohibited.

Sir, - Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat told a special session of the Palestinian Legislative Council that "we agreed -Yitzhak Rabin and I - that not one single house would be added to a settlement. According to the letter of assurance there were to be no changes in Jerusalem or on the rest of Palestinian land" (August 29).

The letter doesn't so much as mention settlements or Jerusalem. There is one reference in the Rahin letter dated May 4, 1994, regarding changing the status of an area: "5. Neither side shall initiate or take any step that will change the status of the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area pending the outcome of the permanent status negotiations."

The Israeti-Palestinian interim greement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip (popularly known as 'Oslo II'') which was signed in Washington on September 28, 1995, applies the same language to the larger area covered by Oslo II, statinto that "Neither side shall initiate or take any step that will change the status of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip pending the outcome of the permanent status negotiations"

(Article XXXI, Paragraph 7). What constitutes a 'change in status"? Does Israeli construction fall within this provision? If it did,

Sir, - As a resident of Karnei

Shomron, I was delighted to read

Uti Avnery's analysis of the Labor-

Meretz government's actions in Ju-

dea and Samaria during the four

years that it was in power (August

14). Based upon that government's statements at the beginning of its

term, I had been under the mistaken

impression that its conduct was

aimed at "drying up" the Jewish

communities and eventually hand-

ing the area over to an independent

PLO-governed state. Mr. Avnery's

WEIGHTY PROBLEM

Sir, - We refer to Brian Zietman's letter of September 6 entitled "Our

Throughout the country there are thousands of parents voicing their concern, but on an individual basis. they have no power. As far as we are aware, there is no unifying body to deal solely with this issue. Surely the time has come to take action the health of our children is at stake. We are interested in forming a pres-sure committee to force the Ministry of Education to provide a solution to this dangerous problem. Anybody interested is welcome 10 telephone us at 09-650727 (until 10 pm), or fax

ADRIENNE AND RENE WALLAGE

President Assad of trying to cow the Likud government into surrendering the entire Golan Heights as

peace negotiations.

peace process in the face of what

is seen by Syria as Israeli recalci-

trance. Alarmists have even gone

so far as to point to the proximity

of the current Syrian movements

to You Kippur, raising the specter

of the October 1973 war in which

Egypt and Syria exploited the

holiest Jewish day to launch a sur-

Underlining these contending

views, however, is the common

assumption that the Syrian presi-

dent is interested in peace and that

he is genuinely disturbed by the

current slowdown of the peace

process. But this assumption is

For Assad, peace with Israel isn't a lofty ideal but the least of

all evils, a price to be paid as a last resort - and an exorbitant one.

This is not only because powerful circles in Syria on which

Assad's personal rule hinges,

notably the military/security establishment, benefit from the

continuation of the Arab-Israeli

conflict; nor even because as a

member of the tiny Alawite

minority dominating a reluctant

Sunni majority for three decades

Assad cannot afford to be seen as

turning his back on the pan-Arab

ideals he has championed for so

It is because he is probably the

last genuine apostle of the pan-

Arab gospel, which views Israel as.

an artificial entity planted in the Middle East by Western imperial-

ism as a means of weakening and

dividing the so-called "Arab

Throughout his entire political

career Assad has consistently

argued that the Arab-Israel con-

prise attack on Israel.

totally misconceived.

children's backs." When our daughter entered first grade three years ago, we wrote to the then minister of education Amnoo Rubenstein seeking a solution to this well-known problem of weighty back-packs. His sole response was that he recommends that lockers be installed in schools. However, there was no suggestion that the Ministry of Education was taking, or intended to take, an active interest in the problem. We also wrote to the head of pediatrics of the Maccabi Health Fund, who responded that the issue was wellknown throughout the medical profession, but that they had no sway with the Ministry of Education.

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"HALLELUIAH"

Sir, - Twice the Post has ascribed the Eurovision-winning "Hallelu-jah" song to the late Yair Rosenbloom - once in a front-page obitu-ary, and once in the TV review. While Rosenbloom may have writ-ten a "Hallelujah," the one that won the Eurovision Song Festival was by Shimrit Or (lyrics) and Kohi Oshrat (music).

MARK L. LEVINSON Tel Aviv.

EFRAIM KARSH

What on earth is Assad up

RECENT movements of Syrian forces in Lebanon have already rung the loudflict is a mortal struggle over est of alarm bells in Israel, Prime "existence" and "destiny" that Minister Netanyahu has accused must eventually be settled in favor of one of the two protagonists; and since the Arabs enjoy a marked superiority over Israel in the most a precondition for resuming the fundamental elements of national power such as demography and Opposition circles have interterritory, they are bound to triumph at the end of the day, pro-vided they adopt a long-term hispreted this move as a desperate bid to prevent the collapse of the

continued to condition a Syrian-Israeli peace on the complete resolution of the Palestinian problem, yet kept raising the threshold of such a deal.

As long as the PLO openly called for the destruction of Israel, Assad pledged allegiance to any solution amenable to it, but once the PLO recognized Israel in 1988, Syria immediately castigat-

His military movements in Lebanon are not a means to resume the dialogue with Israel but a ploy to disrupt it

torical perspective, keep their nerve, and reject easy solutions and shortcuts.

As Assad has never tired of articulating, the Israelis are no more than present-day successors of the Crusaders; and just as the "Arab Nation" defeated this alien power after a long drawn-out struggle, so it will overcome the present "Zionist invader."

That the Syrian president has not abandoned this historical vision despite his grudging partic-ipation since 1991 in the US-led peace process has been evidenced by a negotiating style geared more to placating "the only remaining superpower" than to convincing Israel of the sincerity of its inten-

Despite clear signals from prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and his successor Shimon Peres that they were resolved to withdraw from the Golan provided a satisfactory formula could be found for such issues as the precise location of the border, the use of water resources and the necessary secunty arrangements, Assad acted as if he was in no hurry to regain his lost territories.

He refused to accelerate the peace talks by elevating them from ambassadorial to ministerial level, let alone meet his Israeli counterparts in person. He also

ed the move. And when the PLO carried recognition a step further by signing the Declaration of Principles with Israel in September 1993, chilly winds blew from Damascus and the Syrian-based Palestinian terrorist, Ahmed Jibril, threatened PLO chairman Yasser Arafat with death.

An equally hostile reception was given to the Israel-PLO follow-up agreement of September 1995 on the withdrawal of Israeli forces from most of the West Bank. Last but not least, while main-

taining the low-key diplomatic channel in Washington Assad has been continuing a nasty war-byproxy against Israel in Southern Lebanon through Hizbullah, and he has sheltered the worst Palestinian enemies of peace, some of whom have been engaged in a brutal terror campaign aimed at derailing the very process of which Syria ostensibly is a part,

This recalcitrance played a significant role in Labor's defeat, not least by painting Peres - who went out of his way to strike a quick deal with Syria - as a hopeless optimist.

The Likud's ascendancy has thus been a blessing in disguise for Assad, Labor's determined drive to peace forced the Syrian president to play along, biting his lips in frustration over the rapid improvement in Israeli-Arab relations and trying to stall the Israeli-Syrian negotiations without incurring American wrath.

Now that the Netanyahu government has slowed down the talks with the Palestinians in its strive for a "secure peace" and has apparently lost much of the political credit enjoyed by the Rabin-Peres government in Washington and the world, Assad can relax. Crying foul play, he has urged the Arab world to stop the normalization process with Israel and restore the recently abandoned economic boycott of Israel.

THIS IS the light in which Assad's recent military movements in Lebanon should be viewed - not as a means to resume the Syrian-Israeli dialogue but as a ploy to ensure its continued disruption, if not the breakdown of the entire peace process.

Were Assad genuinely interested in peace or even in regaining the Golan, he could readily have seized on Rabin's straightforward offer, conveyed through the US.

It makes no sense at all for him to decline an offer of the entire Golan only to initiate later a military escalation, at the risk of armed confrontation, aimed at reviving a peace process which could at best give him less than he has already been offered.

This isn't to say that a second Yom Kippur War is around the corner, only that the possibility of military confrontation at some point or other cannot be dismissed out of hand.

Should this happen, however, it would be for precisely the opposite reasons that existed in 1973.

While Egyptian president Anwar Sadat went to war with a view to breaking political stalemate and moving toward peace, the Syrians may now do so to nip the nascent Arab-Israeli peace in the bud and grant Assad that longcoveted status: champion of the рал-Arab cause.

The writer, professor of Mediterranean Studies at King's College in London, is currently in Israel on sabbatical.

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HOOME A.

Symphony of souls WHAT is the sound of hall congregation clapping? The question can be answered by nearly 200 English and Russian speakers who participated in an innovative Rosh Hashana service in Beit Shemesh. A Ukrainian immigrant in his 50s had just been called to the Torah for the first time. After the blessing, the Anglo-Sazoos, mostly yeshiva graduates, hroke

As Grigori Zlatopolsky discovered his identity as Gershoo ben Leib Hakohen, Project Aguda Achat (Bound in One Spirit) mitone way ed two immigrant groups in a demonstration of the untapped

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power of community. Aguda Achat is a collaborative effort of two local congregations and an unlikely partner, the Beit Shemesh chapter of Yisrael Ba'aliyah, which valued the event as an enriching cultural experi-

out in a chorus of song. Instantly,

a complement to their voices rose

from the rhythmic clapping of

the Russians, ignorant of the tune, but no less stirred by the

Leadership on both sides eyed the project as a barbinger of potential cooperation on municipal issues of common concern.

Yisrael Ba'aliyah phoned scores of Russian-speaking homes and produced a list of 90 families interested in the Rosh Hashana afternoon joint service and reception. With a printed invitation in Russian and a gift jar of honey, dozens of Anglo-Saxon families made their way to Russian homes and extended personal invitations. Where only a smattering of Yiddish proved a common tongue, a warm smile conveyed the lingua franca of Jewish brotherhood.

Over vodka and cake following the service, one participant mused, "Why didn't we ever do this

JOSHUA BERMAN

before? Why isn't this being donc elsewhere?"

The fusioo of three elements of our socio-religious climate pro-

THE late 20th century has witnessed the displacement of the community everywhere by the state. Previous generations saw communal institutions - houses of worship, soup kitchens and a

A Rosh Hashana service in Beit Shemesh had significance far beyond the size of the gathering

range of voluntary organizations as primary structures for the ordering of life. Today, however, we look to the state to provide us with health, education, welfare, and more. The communal structures of old have atrophied.

In the words of British Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, the I-Thou bonds of the community have been replaced by the I-It relationship each of us sustains with the state.

More oarrowly, the deposition of community in favor of the state. particularly by native religious Israelis, has been conscious, even

The "Jewish center" model of communal structure is scorped as a vestige of exile, obviated hy the rise of a full Jewish state. Jewishness is a commodity to be provided by the state. Activity on its behalf at the local level is considered of secondary efficacy, if it

The hard facts

Demographics is a second factor. A thriving religious life necessitates a critical mass of co-religionists. Yet many religious Jews opt to live exclusively with other religious Jews. This limits potential influence, while fostering an unhealthy us-them polarity and cultivates a skewed perception that "my sector represents the totality of the society I live in."

The phenomenon is not endemic to a particular side of the Green Line. Tekoa and Eli are fine examplcs of towns in Judea and Samaria where Jews across the religious spectrum live in mean-ingful interaction with each other on a daily basis.

The comment of a universityage student of mine from Petah Tikva highlights the third factor. Reflecting on her experience in Bnei Akiva, she could remember only activities that extolled the sanctity of the land. She could recall no project that espoused charitable acts, or reaching out to Jews of other persuasions.

Exhausted hy a four-year hanle with the previous government, Religious Ziooism bas, I fear, become a single-issue ideological movement. The clarion call of the sanctity of the land must now be joined by the instruments of social activism. Only in unison can they create a true symphony of Jewish

As the national struggle for the city of our forefathers continues. we must begin to reach out creatively within the communities of their descendants.

The cry of "Hebron, then and forever" must be echoed by "the integrated community - today, and from now on."

The writer, a lecturer on Bible in Jerusalem, is a coordinator of

Switzerland.



Body and other language

divide Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur individual Jews and the nation as a whole are meant to consider their sins of commission and omission so they can make an "accounting of

Only then can they atone for and correct failures in the spiritual realm and in their behavior toward other people.

Looking at human behavior, this has been a terrible year for

In terms of internal violence, it sure found its way into neutral was the worst since the creation of the modern Jewish state. Social intolerance contributed to the assassination of our prime What has so far been glossed over is the fact that Britain and the US negotiated a shareout with the minister, there were threats of Swiss authorities after the war and attacks against the president of were consequently awarded large the Supreme Court, and warfare raged between ultra-secular and This is not to say that the Americans and British knowingly ideologues haredi

Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan. Although only a small number of people take part in violence, thousands provide active support, and millions remain silent

On the national agenda vital nants of humanity they found there could be the erstwhile owners of stakes are involved in each of these issues, and all sides use them to justify the passioos, intolerance and, ultimately, vio-And yet it is difficult to believe that the Allies were totally ignolence they direct against their The Swiss have promised a thor-

opponents. The series of suieide bombings lauoched early this year hy Palestinians, the horrendous deaths and disfigurement of hundreds of victims shook all Israeli families and exacerhated existing tensions and pressures.

But that could not excuse suhsequent bursts of hatred directed oow at this group, oow at that

The tendency to focus on the external threats to the country is haredi counterparts into connatural. Yet the sobering reality frontation. And haredim have is that in the long term it is our

GERALD M. STEINBERG

religious and cultural conflicts restraint. that pose the greatest threat of all to our society and to our peo-

By means of demoostrations and threats of violence, haredi and secular extremists have been faded and became involved in

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able to magnify their power far their own agendas.

In the days after the murder. a few leaders and organizations pledged to dedicate themselves to changing society and promoting tolerance, but they quickly

Haredim, who claim to represent authentic Judaism, must ensure that their behavior doesn't echo the secular community

beyond their levels of representation among the general population. This kind of power and the accompanying self-righteous-ness that justifies it make a deadly combination among both groops - as they do on the left and right of the political spec-

TWO thousand years ago, a simnationalism paved the way for the destruction of the Second Temple and 100 generations of

With Yitzhak Rabin's murder less than 10 months ago, Israeli leaders across the spectrum were reminded that this Secood Temple secoario could be repeated unless the tone of our national debate were moderated and we learned to tolerate other

Now, less than a year after the assassination, the lessoo has been forgotten. Ultra-secular groops, led by Meretz, have become even more radical and intolerant, seeking to goad their cotcred the fray without

Meimad is a prominent example. The group was formed by religious Israelis seeking a middle ground in political, religious, and social issues.

Politically, Rabbi Yehuda Amital, Meimad's founder and leader, sought to balance the doctrinaire nationalism of the religious right with a realistic sense of the dangers, both interilar conflict over religion and nal and external, of pursuing extremist policies. Meimad's initial objective was

to ereate a social force that would present a tolerant and rational alternative, anchored firmly in Jewish law and traditioo, to the growing baredi influeoce.

Meimad attracted thousands, and after the assassination of Rabin, Amital spoke forcefully about simplistic religious edocation that did little to prepare yeshiva graduates for the complexities facing Israel and the Jewish people.

Unfortunately, this vital hridging force has become much quicter. Although Amital has made some statements condemning the threats against Supreme Court justices and voiced his school in Kiryat Gat who formed a "Yigal Amir fan eluh," these declarations bave lacked Both Meimad and the leaders

of the non-haredi religious community should have been much more active io calling for an end to haredi violence, particularly oo Shahbat, in the large demonstrations on Rehov Bar-Ilan. As the interoal debate over

redeployment from Hebron heats up, right-wing religious fanaties will attempt to set the agenda and speak for the rest of the observant community. We are likely to see violence, or at least threats, between left- and rightwing groups, both of which will claim that only their views can save Israel.

We will need a strong central voice capable of rejecting violence and pressure from all sides, and of rationally determining policy based on longterm costs and benefits. If we allow the fanatics from either side to take control, we will all become their victims.

There is no better time than these Teo Days of Repcotance to remind ourselves and our leaders of our responsibility for our own The haredim, like the rest of

the Jewish people, have no speeial dispensation to ignore the Yom Kippur confessional, in which we ask for forgiveness for hozek yad (the use of force) and for tipshut peh (careless language).
This year we must make our

recitation of these words much more than a formal ritual without content.

studies at Bar-Ilan University.

The writer teaches political

about 'Nazi gold' MID mounting speculation **ALEXANDER ZVIELLI** that Swiss banks may still While the gold lost by the six million Jewish victims of the hold large sums of gold valuables of their own (and toward Nazis has never been properly the end of the war the German accounted for, there can be little doubt that at least some of the trea-

looted from the national banks of occupied countries and from the six million Jews killed by the Nazis, the Swiss Federal Council's allocation of SFr Sm. to income into Switzerland's economic activities during World War'll and into Nazi plans for the Final Solution Holocaust era assets in domestic financial institutions is more than

There can hardly be any doubt that the council's step came in response to American declassification of secret agreements according to which the US and Great Britain made a postwar deal with the Swiss government for a "share-

According to recent press reports the US and Britain got \$60m. each (quite a sum in those days), while the Swiss retained a much larger sum. There are also reports of the Nazis having sold large quantities of diamonds and other valuables to Swiss dealers. In some instances Swiss agents transferred Nazi gold

and valuables to South America. Israel Radio reported this week that a British government commit-tee still administers funds deposited by the Nazis in Switzerland, part of which Britain received after

Where does this money go? Jews have the right to know.

THE TERM "Nazi gold" has been

government's gold reserves had dwindled to almost nothing). The Nazis' gold came chiefly from one source: their Jewish victims:

included a little-mentioned design to rob the Jews of whatever wealth Gold coins, easy to carry and to

conceal, were cherished by Jews It came chiefly from the Nazis' Jewish victims

and Jews have a right to

know what became of it

as the ultimate guarantee of survival in those evil times - a guarantee that tragically didn't hold up, though gold and other valuables could buy Jewish communities a

momentary respite:
Tons of Jewish gold and valuables were regularly shipped from Treblinka, Auschwitz and other extermination camps to Berlin; and in the former Warsaw ghetto, after the desperate oprising was quelled, Jewish "slaves" from all over Europe were brought in to dismantle floor after floor, wall after wall, house after bouse in the search for hidden Jewish treasure. And indeed, there was hardly a widely bandied about, hut the fact Jewish family that didn't have is that the Nazis had no gold or gold or valuables tucked away

appropriated Jewish property

under the convenient name of

"Nazi gold." Those who liberated

the concentration camps must

hardly have imagined that the rem-

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ough, independent investigation,

and a separate inquiry by the Swiss

Bankers' Association and the

World Jewish Congress will look

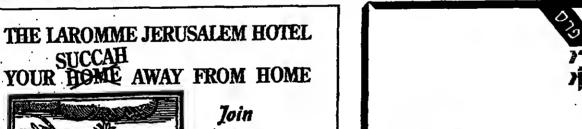
into all Swiss bank accounts that

have lain dormant since Nazi

And the American and British share of the "Nazi gold"? It is the duty of Jewish world bodies to

investigate this matter in every

The writer is a freelancer.





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N. Korean submarine infiltration drama ends in blaze of gunfire

KANGNUNG, South Korea (Reuter) - South Korean troops killed seven more North Koreans yesterday, as one of the deadliest infiltration dramas since the early Cold War drew to a close in a hail

An estimated 20 North Koreans came ashore on a beach in the enemy South from a submarine on Wednesday, authorities said.

Altogether 18 have now been shot dead - 11 in an apparent mass suicide - and one was captured after a ruthless manhunt by thousands of troops and police. One more is still on the loose.

The search through mountainous terrain was likely to continue because of uncertainty about the exact oumber of communist agents dropped near the east coast city of Kangnung.
Political fallout from the

episode threatened to further sour relations between the two Koreas. South Korean President Kim Young-sam declared the suhmarine adventure an act of military provocation, hut Pyongyang was unrepentant and refused to accept

nuclear missiles.

WORLD BRIEFS

MOSCOW - Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin will be

named acting head of state while President Boris Yeltsin undergoes

The decree said Chernomyrdin would have full presidential powers.

including control of the "nuclear button" which can launch Russia's

But Yeltsin's spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said Yeltsin must still sign a second decree formally handing over his powers just before

the operation, aimed at improving blood supply to his heart. Reuter

LONDON - Kevin Maxwell, youngest son of media tycoon Robert

empire, will not face a second trial on fraud charges, a judge ruled on

Judge John Buckley said a further trial "would be unfair, so unfair as to amount to an abuse of power of the court," adding that he had come to the clear view that the proceedings served no further public

The judge later agreed verdicts of 'not guilty' should be recorded on

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His loving daughters, Maya and Nina

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all outstanding charges against Kevin and his three fellow defendants.

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HELENE ROTENBERG >"I

We will gather for the unveiling on

Tuesday, September 24,

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SYRIL BLONDHEIM ""

We will visit her grave the day after Yorn Kippur,

Tuesday, September 24, 1996, at 3:30 p.m.

Eretz Hachaim Cemetery, near Bet Shemesh.

The staff of the Medical Center mourns the passing of

Prof. ANDRE DE-VRIES 377

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He ordered their costs - around £30 million pounds in Britain's

most expensive criminal case this century - paid from state funds...

Maxwell, whose death in 1991 led to the collapse of his business

Kevin Maxwell 'not guilty' after trial halted

heart surgery, according to a presidential decree issued yesterday.

Chemomyrdin has nuclear trigger

a protest note on the heavily-forti-

South Korean security forces took no chances with the heavilyarmed North Koreans, as they reportedly fled for their lives towards the border.

Three were cut down by automatic fire as they crouched by a stream to drink, military sources in Kangnung said.

Television pictures showed hullet-riddled corpses splayed on the ground. They were dressed in blue jeans and speakers made in South Korea, suggesting an espionage mission.

Security forces were led to several of the fugitives by alert villagers. In the latest gunfight, two members of the South Korean security forces were wounded, officials said.

On Wednesday, the bodies of 11 North Koreans were found huddied together on top of a mountain situated close to a beach where they landed. All had been shot through the head in what was initially described as mass suicide. However, state television speculated the 11 could have been sacrificed to enable others to travel more quickly. The placing of the fatal bullet wounds suggested the 11 had been executed, it said.

Kim denounced the most serious infiltration since the 1960s at a cabinet meeting,

"This is oot a simple spy case. I regard it as a kind of military provocation," an aide quoted Kim

North Korea rejected a protest hy the U.S.-led United Nations Command in South Korea, a command statement said.

The UN Command attempted to hand the message to the North at Pannunjom, but a Northern mili-tary duty officer would not take it, the statement said.

"I strongly demand that your side immediately take the necessary steps to prevent recurrence of these serious Armistice Agreement violations," said the letter, signed by South Korean Gen. Cha Ki Moon. "If you fail to do so, the responsibility for the unfortunate consequences will be

Astronaut greets **Atlantis** crew with

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) -Ecstatic to be going home after a record six months in orbit, a beaming Shannon Lucid threw her arms around Atlantis astronauts who docked with the Russian space sta-

tion Mir yesterday. The first to reach the US astronaut after the hatches opened was John Blaha, her replacement on the orbiting outpost. They embraced, then floated off into Mir, chatting practically nonstop.

None of the first greetings was heard on Earth, however, because of problems with the communications system. Although Russian space officials were able to get through to congratulate the nine space travelers, NASA administrator Daniel Goldin was left hanging on the phone in Cleveland because of the snags. Lucid was able to send

Lucid, who's spent more time in space than any American and any woman anywhere, giggled and squeezed her colleagues as they floated into Mir. She also extended a tray with packets of bread and

The shuttle astronauts tasted some other Russian cuisine - a yellow, mushy food in cans. Flashbuibs went off repeatedly.

an Atlantis astronaut. Atlantis docked at 0313 GMT, about 386 kilometers above the Carpathian Mountains.

France to issue two new warrants in 1989 jetliner bombing

Meeting with the family members on the seventh anniversary of France's deadliest terrorist attack, examining Magistrate Jean-Louis Bruguiere said he was about to send the warrants to the prosecu-

Behind closed doors Bruguiere displayed a suitcase rigged with explosives - described as identical to the one that blew up the UTA DC-10 jetliner - which he brought back from an investigative mission

to Libya in July. Bruguiere's trip and the evidence he brought back were seen as a breakthrough in the investigation as a result of pressure from a fouryear-old UN embargo designed to force Lihyan leader Muammar

Francis Szpiner, lawyer for the victims' association SOS Attentats, chased the bomb's detonator on a

The arrest warrants are expected to be formally approved in the



their country along with some 20 others in a submarine which ran aground on Tuesday. Seven North Koreans were killed in a hail of gunfire yesterday, 11 others were found shot dead on Wednesday. (Reuter)

CIA chief: Iraqi Kurds seek allies' help IRAQ-supported Kurds hold nearly all of oorthern Iraq, but their leader has approached western allies "for protection in an effort to hold Saddam Husseio at arm's length," CIA Director John Deutch said yes-

"Saddam Hussein is puttiog iocreasing pressure on [Kurdistan Democratic Party leader Massood] Barzani to negotiate a framework for autonomy under Bagbdad's overall cootrol," Deutch told the

Senate Iotelligence Committee. He said Barzani's KDP controls oearly all of the Kurdish part of northern Iraq, with ooly isolated pockets held by the opposition Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK).

Deutch added that tensions in Iraq have eased. He said Iraq has oot threateoed allied planes enforcing northern and southern no-fly zones for several days, and mobile anti-aircraft missiles bave been returned to their

Deutch said the allies' exten-

News agencies WASHINGTON

Baghdad's southern outskirts and the dispatch of 3,000 US troops to Kuwait have deterred Iraq from further military activ-

When asked the likelihood of Iraq attacking Kuwait, Deutch said, "At present, we would estimate that to be very low. indeed."

The US also forged ahead with its military huildup, as more ground troops arrived io Kuwait and a secood aircraft carrier sailed ioto the Gulf to help patrol the skies over Iraq.

Some 200 American soldiers arrived at Kuwait International Airport, the vanguard of 3,500 additional US troops sent hy President Bill Clinton to protect

The soldiers from Fort Hood. Texas, join 1,200 others who have been training in the sion of the no-fly zone to Abrams M1-A1 tanks and 60

Bradley fighting vehicles that have heen prepositioned here. Sooo, more than 30,000 US military persoonel and 200 American planes will be in the region, most of them aboard about 35 ships in the Gulf.

Iranian state radio, meao-while, warned the KDP against seeking US support, saying Washington is more unreliable than Baghdad.

"The KDP, which caused its present troubles by relying on lraq, is trying now to seek the support of America, which is even less trustworthy." Teheran radio said in a political commentary.

It was referring to talks between KDP leader Massoud Barzani and senior US diplomat Robert Pelletreau on Wednesday

"One should be aware that the Americans would interfere in the Kurdistan region only if they have direct interests. Even theo. they would easily turn their Kuwaiti desert for several hacks on their commitments and weeks. They are using 120 accords once their oeeds are

removes bodies from Bosnian mass grave

PILICA, Bosnia (Reuter) UN war crimes experts yesterday started removing bodies from an alleged mass grave on a farm in Serb-heid northeast Bosnia, believed to contain the remains of Moslems executed last year.

William Haghand, chief of the investigations team, said they had taken out seven bodies by the end

of the day. The 28-meter-long grave is dag into a hillside in the remote and mountainous region.

Investigators dressed in blue overalls worked amid the overpowering stench of rotting flesh, to clear away topsoil and uncover the pile of corpses.

War Crimes prosecutors believe the bodies are those of Moslems. killed as they fled the Serb conquest of Srebrenica last year. The town had been declared a UN "safe area" for Moslems, although Serb forces seized it in a major offensive and forced the population to flee into the hills.

children survived, some eight thousand Moslem men and boys are

The investigators believe conquering Serbs forces either cut them

had been randomly thrown on top of one another to form a heap some meters deep.

The investigators zipped the remains into body bags, before storing them in refrigerated containers for transport to a makeshift morgue in Moslem-controlled Kalesija.

Haglund said there was evidence that the bodies had been bound with cloth, "So far it lonks like most of the bodies were male", he said.

hugs, bread and salt

down a message a little later. salt, a traditional Russian welcome.

After all the fun, the seven astronauts and two cosmonauts got down to business, moving Blaha's gear from Atlantis into Mir. and Lucid's belongings in the opposite direction. Blaha officially joined the Mir crew, while Lucid became

PARIS (AP) - Some stone-faced, others dabhing tears, relatives of the 170 victims in a 1989 French jetliner bombing learned yesterday that Paris is on the verge of issuing two more arrest warrants against

suspected Libyan agents.

tor's office for final approval.

Gaddafi to cooperate in the probe.

told reporters that Bruguiere planned to issue warrants against Abdessalam Shibani, believed to have supervised preparations for the bombing, and Abdessalam Hamouda, who allegedly purtrip to Germany.

coming days, lawyers said.

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While thousands of women and

down as they tried to sneak to safety, or rounded them up and executed them, before burying the bodies in mass graves. In Pilica, the unearthed bodies

There, forensic scientists will try to identify the victims and determine the cause of death in their bunt for clues to convict the people accused of ordering the alleged

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NEWS IN FOCUS

Friday, September 20, 1996

Dear Diary: Nobody can ignore my Syria

David Makovsky imagines what the private diaries of Syrian president Hafez Assad reveal

ear Diary,

Those tricky Israelis. They started with Gaza-Jeriehn First in 1993, then it became Jordan-First in 1994, and oow it is Lebanon-First in 1996.

They want to take every card out of my hand, and I will not let them. They took the Palestinian card, the Jordanian card, and have eveo made some diplumatic inroads in the Gulf and North Africa. Now they want to take the Lebanese card, which is Greater Syria. I will never let them.

Back in Madrid in 1991, Syria called for a comprehensive peace based on land for peace, and I popularized the term "peace of the brave" before [Yasser] Arafat took it away and appropriated it as his own. I have made a strategic decision for peace and I am for peace which meets the requirements of international legitimacy. By definition, there cannot be a comprehensive peace without Syria.

Yet, the Israelis want to work piecemeal and leave me without land while they have full peace and security. This is unaccept-

In fact, the Lebanon-First idea began before Netanyahu. I was sitting with [US Secretary of State Warren] Christopher during [Prime Minister Shimon] Peres' ill-conceived Grapes of Wrath campaign last April during one of our usual six-hour sessioos, which have been dubbed "bladder-buster" conversations.

(I like sitting a long time with foreign leaders since this is my chance to absorb what people abroad are saying, particularly since, with the exception of Egypt, I do oot travel abroad anymore to Moscow or Bucharest as the old leaders I knew and appreciated - Leonid Brezhnev and Nicolae Ceausescu - are dead.)

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Not only was I shocked, but poor Christopher must have been so stunned to see me react so bitterly as if I swallowed a frog. Now Netanyahu is picking this

When Christopher conveyed from Peres a variation of the Lebanon-First idea, I was shaken out of my signature sphinx-like pose on my armchair, and my whole body hurtled

in a forward motion.

up this idea of Lebanoo-First. I have oo leverage? cannot allow this to happen. The most important reason wby the Israelis have dealt with me on the Golan is because I am not allowing them to have their way and enjoy a peaceful Lebanese border. The Israelis are much stronger, they have the US, but one of the

Leverage is always the key. Without me harboring the PKK (Kurdish) fighters, do I really believe Turkey would be as forthcoming on water from the Ataturk Dam? The fighters, Hizbullah and PKK, are my leverage.

make peace with me is Hizbullah.

allow Israel to leave Lebanon

without gaining anything on the

Golan, I lose my leverage. Why

would any Israeli oegoriate seri-ously with me on the Golan if I

If I disarm Hizbullah first and

SO NETANYAHU sends papers that be wants to resume peace talks at the Wye Plantation in eastern Maryland. Why should I do this when he does oot accept the basic principle from which I will oot move: talks continue from where they left off with Labor this past spring.

Some diplomats are whispering that Netanyahu will be flexible, since he is ambitious and wants two terms in office and being a peacemaker will help him.

Why should I believe them? In an interview Netanyahu gave The Jerusalem Post last week, he publicly confirmed two important things. First, he said he will not accept the May 1995 agreement on security principles based on equality as binding since the document was not signed. Yet, it was brokered by the US between

More importantly, in the interview, Netanyahu publiely con-firmed [Yitzhak] Rabin made a conditional promise to the US that he would withdraw from the

occupied Golan to the Juoe 4, 1967 lines near the Sea of Galilee shoreline if he was satisfied with security arrangements and normalization, While Netanyabu said Rabin's words were "hypothetical," for me, this constituted a confirmation.

Moreover I told visiting Japanese Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda last month that this idea of June 4 was raised by Israeli oegotiators at the Wye. Plantation this past spring, and it was written up in a protocol by one of my delegates. I am bolding the protocol. In terms of moving forward, if Netanyahu is on one band confirming June 4 was said but on the other hand is decying its validity as as well as denying the May 1995 agreement on security principles, wby should I resume talks now, and settle for less and wipe out years of progress with Israel?

Furthermore, I would have struck a deal with Rabin, but we did oot reach an understanding on the details including security even though I twice sent my chief of staff Gen. Hikmet Shihabi to meet his Israeli enunterpart. (I always send Sunni Moslems to negotiate with Israelis so oobody in Syria can accuse me of making an Alawite peace.) I thought once I sent Shihabi as a gesture, the Israelis would repay me in kind and agree to my security con-cerns, but they did not.

SOMETIMES I do not understand the Israelis, unless they are out to conspire against the Arabs. I do oot understand why Israelis even need Mt. Hermon since they have the Ofek 3 satellite which can read every license plate in

Another example of my not reading Israelis: a few years ago, at the behest of the Bush Administratioo, which was responding to Zionist pressure, I let the Jews of Syria go. Yet, what did I get for this in return? Israelis not only failed to see this as a gesture, but last year Christopher said he wanted to check with me if after a peace agreement, the settlers oo the Golan could remain uoder under Syrian sovereignty.

What in the name of Allah do they want from me? First, they want the Jews to leave, now they want them to return and live under my rule. They must make up their minds, but I will not accept occupiers on my land.

h have come to the view that gestures can be the outcome of peace, but I don't like all these so-called coofidence-building measures the Americans keep talking about about making visits and allowing interviews with Israelis which are supposed to

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grease the wheels in the direction of peace. My job is to convince Syrians that we fought with honor and oow we will make peace with honor. Let the Americans and Israelis ennvioce their own publics. This is oot my job. It is

theirs. My peace will be different than Egypt's. I have made clear that my coodition has also been an Israeli pullout from the Golan within three years - as Israeli pullout of Sinai was three years. I say this so there will oot be a single Arab who says that I received less than Anwar Sadat received from Israel without having to make his trip to the Israeli

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Knesset. Receive more, give less. As I said when Sadat made his ill-fated trip to Jerusalem: "peace is our aim in Syria, as it is in Egypt and the whole Arab world. But a successful strategy cannot be pursued through unsuccessful tactics."

However, I must deal with a more immediate problem. Netanyaho keeps making ooises that he will hit the Beka'a Valley if Hizbollah hits Israel Yet, it is Israel that is occupying southern Lebanon and the law reserves the right for national resistance, the right of the occupied to rise up

against the occupiers.
Why do they call Hizbullah terrorists? If Israel invades Lebanese soil, they are committing a terrorist act. My calls for an international conference to define terrorism has been conveniently rejected by the West, which sees the Arabs as terrorists.

So I bave no trouble in rebuffing those who call for a quiet southern Lebanon as I affirm Hizbullah's right to hit the occupiers. Yet, at the same time, so loog as there are peace talks I have also always kept things within proportion. It never served my interest to let things get out of control

HOWEVER, NOW there are no talks and Netanyaho is not serious about their resumption. This means each side is less restrained when it comes to Lebanon.

If he thinks he can retaliate for Hizbullah attacks by hitting the Beka'a Valley, well, I may have a surprise for him since we have always shown vigilance at difficult moments in our history. By stationing approximately 8,000 crack "special forces" troops of the 14th Division oo the northern slopes of Mt. Hermon, I can show him something. If Netanyahu hits the Beka'a Valley, I can take Israel's "eyes" out by hitting Mt.

Hermon.
Of course, I am covered from the charge that the special forces are threatening Israel, since they were officially based north of Mt. Hermon until 1986 when I dispatched them to Berrut.

At the same time, I am seeking to shore up my regional position. I just sent my prime minister to Iran for consultations. I even agreed to receive in Damascus twn people who I cannot stand and who I think have not served the Arab cause well by their overly accommodationist approach to Israel: Arafat and the plucky little king of Jordan, Hussein.

Morenver, I think there are prospects for better relations with Turkey now that there is a prime minister there who does not kowtow to every whim of the West, [Necmitten] Erbakan.

Critically, I was the moving force in convincing [Egyptian President Hosni] Mnbarak to hold the first Arab summit in six years. It may take time, but it will be elear very soon before it is elear to the whole world that Netanyahu is really Yitzhak Shamir with an American accent.

When Netanyahu is exposed as the rigid Likud ideologue that he is. Arab normalization with Israel will come to a grinding halt. More importantly, a second-term Clintoo Administration will oot allow him to get away with nothing more than rhetorie. Then, he will be cornered.

By moving troops and shoring up political support, I want to disabuse Netanyahn of his Likud propaganda that Syria is too weak due to disappearance of the Soviet Union and can oow be

Nobody can ignore Syria, whose key role as a leader of the Arab nation is indisputable. By moving troops, I am signaling that without peace, Israelis should know the Golan is not a stable place. Uotil oow, Netanyahu, the Golan settlers and others said it was risky if Israel yields the Golan, Now, maybe Netanyaho will understand there is potentially a much greater risk of keeping the Heights.

ISRAELIS WOULD be foolish to forget their own past. In 1967, a war of words escalated into a fullfledged war. In 1973, Sadat went to war to end the stalemate. A fighting option and wirming option are not the same thing. He realized that one does not have to win the war in

order to win the peace. Fighting is not my only option. I told the Japanese FM that I did oot think Netanyahu was so strong because 50 percent of Israelis support Labor.

So am I patient for four years until Netanyaho is out or do I : make real tronble now? As long as I keep people guessing, they know Syria can make the difference between war and peace. Good night, diary. Hafez.



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Not everyone is guaranteed an education

The Jerusalem Municipality is turning away hundreds of Arab pupils from public schools, saying there is no room, Bill Hutman reports

MAD Julhan, a 30-year-old unemployed resident of Jerusalem's Old City, says he has learned the hard way the meaning of public education for the city's Arab sector.

For several years, Julhan says, the Jerusalem Municipality has refused to enroll his nine-year-old stepsister, Ismat, at the city-run school in the Moslem Quarter, each year being told the classes are all

He says he has now given up, and resigned himself to sending Ismat to a private school whose academic level reflects his lack of income. 'What can we do? We don't have

any choice." Julhan says. The scenario Julhan describes at first sounds outlandish. How can it be possible that a local authority in Israel refuses to accept a pupil into the public school system?

Indeed, the question needs to be re-worded, because in eastern Jerusalem, bundreds, if not thousands of Arab youngsters are being refused enrollment in the city's public school on grounds there is no room, according to both municipal and Palestinian sources.

The issue takes on added importance, considering the accusations of Mayor Ehud Olmert, backed up by the government, that the Palestinian Authority is trying to move in on Israel's turf by illegally infiltrating the city's Arab schools. (See sidebar.)

A close look at Arab schools in the city, both public and private, shows a somewhat different picture. The municipality and government appear to have made Arab education in eastern Jerusalem a low priority, leaving a vacuum for anyone who cares to enter.

"We do our best to fit in as many youngsters as possible," said a senior municipality official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "There are [small-sized] classrooms [in Arab schools] that are only supposed to have 30 pupils, and we put in 31 or 32, so we absorb more of the youngsters."

The official said that in a few cases, pupils from one Arab neighborhood are referred to a school in another neighborhood that has a space. "But there is only so much we can do," the official said. "There simply aren't enough [Arab] schools for all the youngsters

whose parents try to enroll them." How many Arab parents in Jerusalem are being told there is no room for their children in the city's school? Municipal sources put the school is oot easy financially. number in the hundreds. But they are also quick to add that many parents simply never ask, because they know what answer they will receive. including in eastern Jerusalem, a

A small paragraph in the 1994 report oo conditions in eastern Jerusalem compiled by the municipality presents the great scope of

"In recent years, because of financial problems in the nonmunicipal [private] schools, pupils have been trying to move to municipal schools," states the report, entitled Municipal Services in the Arab Sector - Analysis of Needs and Responses. "In the past year, about 1,500 pupils asked to transfer from the private ... school system to the municipal system. About 600 of the requests were accepted."

Simple arithmetic shows that, according to the city's own statistics, at least 900 pupils were denied entry into the public school system

Where do the Arab pupils that don't fit into the public system go? Jerusalem has an extensive system of private schools, run primarily by cburches and the Wakf (the Moslem religious trust), with schools varying greatly in quality.

The 1994 report states are are

44,000 pupils in eastern Jerusalem. 21,000 of whom learn in the 35 municipal schools, and 23,000 in 64 private schools. Municipal sources say the number of pupils in the public schools has risen steadily, to more than half, or about

In general, Palestinian families who can afford it send their children to private schools, and those who can't meet the costs send theirs to public schools, according to Nabil Khatab, a researcher with the Kareb Foundation, a leading educational research and pedagogical institute.

Khatab says that matriculation scores on the average are higher in the private schools, the most popular of which include the Schmidt School, just outside Damascus Gate, and St. George's School, near the American Colony Hotel.

I would only send my girls to a good private school," says a teacher at one of the city's public schools, who asked not to be named. Her children attend one of the top schools, where, she says, they receive a wide range of special classes they would never receive in a public school.

Tuition for top schools is high, at least in eastern Jerusalem terms, normally in the NIS 2,000-a-year range. For most Arab families in the city, sending a single child - let alone several children - to private

Olmert, when taking office three years ago, vowed to make improving the city's education system,



No room to learn? Eastern Jerusalem schoolchildren such as these are lucky to have found a space

top priority. Olmert ordered the compilation of the 1994 report to discover what exactly needed to be

When it comes to the chapter on eastern Jerusalem education, Olmert appears to have a very long

He speaks proudly of the project he was able to push through with the Education Ministry to build 180 classrooms in eastern Jerusalem. The project was originally supposed to he completed by the end of next year, but today only about a dozen classrooms have dozen more are scheduled to be finished anytime soon.

comes to classroom construction, don't get the classrooms soon, they considering that in 1994, the year also won't get the computers.

the project was launched, it was estimated that 345 classrooms were needed. The oumber of classrooms oceded in Arab schools has risen to over 400, municipal sources say.

Olmert has also pointed to the placement of computers in Arab schools as an important step carried out under his administration. But a close look at the city's computer project shows that, in proportion to pupil populations, far fewer computers go to Arab schools than

City officials have what they say is a reasonable explanation for the lower allotment: Most Arab schools simply lack the class space and infrastructure to put in comput-The numbers look worse when it ers. This seems to mean that if they

"We pay our taxes, but don't receive what we are due," says "The municipality is responsible for us... but it always considers our needs last."

But Julhan admits he never tried to push the municipality into changing. He says he knows of many other Arab residents whose children were denied entry into city schools, but oo one has taken the initiative to do anything about it. Attorney Shlomit Rubin, a senior

deputy municipal legal adviser who deals with the educational system, says turning away pupils from "A parent doesn't have the right to send a child to a specific school, but a place has to be found for the child somewhere in the system."

'PA takeover of Jerusalem's Arab schools inevitable'

THE takeover by the Palestinian Authority of Arab schools in east-em Jerusalem is inevitable, "a natural process that no one can stop," according to Nabil Khatab, a researcher with the Kareb Foundation, a leading education research institute based in Jerusalem. But until that time, the PA - despite all the headlines in recent weeks declaring that the takeover has already occurred - is barely felt by Jerusalem Arab pupils, according to Khatab and most others directly.

involved with eastern Jerusalem schools, Khatab says that eventually Arab schools in the city would come under the authority of the PA, because schools where the authority is viewed as an occupier simply can't function properly. Breakdowns and problems in the school system, such as those that occurred during the intifada, will continue until the Palestinians are given control over their

own schools, he said Kharab said research he conducted showed that public schools in particular suffered during the intifada - grades dropped and there was greater pupil involvement in rioting than in private schools - because the public schools are viewed as "run by the occupiers."

Even after the intifada, the public schools continue to suffer, because they retain the image of being run by outsiders, according to Khatab.

The PA has already made limited penetration into the eastern Jerusalem school system, particularly in private schools. The PA put its emblem on the fronts of textbooks again this year, forcing the municipality to scramble to cover the emblems with stickers on the books that went to its schools. In the private schools, the PA eagle continues to bla-

A look inside the books, however, shows they are no different from the ones used before the PA was created. The PA Education Ministry has talked much about creating its own curriculum and school books, but the work on these projects continues, with no results yet.

Palestinian educators and parents told The Jerusalem Post that since

the PA was founded three years ago, private Arab schools in the city have held graduation ceremonies with PA officials present, PLO flag flying, and the Palestinian national anthem sung.

A handful of private-school teachers' salaries are paid for by the PA, according to Palestinian sources. But this is the exception. Most of the Arab private schools in the city remain in the control of the church or other welfare group which founded them.

"I know of at least one public school in which the remite asked to mine."

"I know of at least one public school in which the pupils asked to raise the PLO flag to mark some Palestinian memorial day." Khatab said. The

municipality, not surprisingly, rejected the proposal, he said.

Samir Jundi, International Secretary of the General Union of Palestinian Teachers, said all teachers and principals hird for public schools by the municipality are first checked by the General Security Service to ensure it keeps a strong hold on the schools.

"I myself applied for a job as a sports teacher in 1981, but I was rejected because I had served a several months' sentence for membership in Fatah," Jundi said.

Palestinians from the territories are also ineligible to teach in city schools, according to Jundi. This, bowever, he attributed only in part to the attempt by the municipality to keep a tight hold on the schools, and largely to the difficulty a teacher from the territories would have getting to work during the frequent closures.

Jundi said the major change teachers have felt since the PA was established is that a few dozen took part in enrichment courses offered by the PA Education Ministry in Ramallah. Otherwise, everything continues as before for the teachers, he said.

"I wish the PA would do more," Jundi said, "I think all Palestinians in Jerusalem feel this way. There is a great need for more schools, for better schools, in Jerusalem. The Israelis don't seem to care, and the PA. talks a lot about what it's going to do, but does hardly anything at all,"
Palestinian sources said one move being considered by the PA Education Ministry is establishing its own schools in Jerusalem under the rubric of the private school system - which operates in total independence from the Israeli authorities.

"I don't deal in politics," Jundi said, "What's important for me is that there be a good education system in Jerusalem, that my children go to good schools. I don't care whether it's Israel or the PA that provides

However, Rubin says she has received no complaints from Arab parents that their children were turned down oo the grounds of lack

reach ber office.

If the allegations are indeed true, she admits, the municipality would have difficulty defending its posi-

Camp David: Is there life 18 years later?

N the anniversary of the Camp David Accords, diplomats and officials ask whether there is, 18 years later, any life left in the agreements.

The commemoration of Camp David had little of the atmosphere of the historic event. This week's reunion took place at the Hebrew University's Truman Institute, and the only surviving leader at Camp David, Jimmy Carter, did not

Camp David was US president Jimmy Carter's last throw of the dice to obtain a peace agreement between Egypt and Israel.

Carter scheduled three days for it, but in the end he, prime minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian president Anwar Sadat were secluded for 13 days in the hills of Maryland.

On September 17, 1978, Begin did what most everyone thought he would never do: he signed away the

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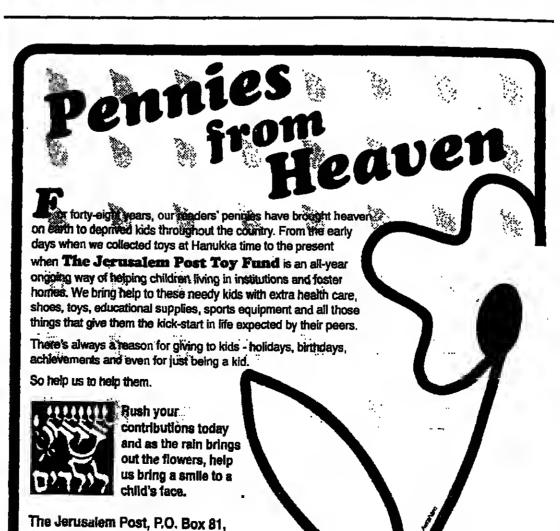
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with and open an embassy in Israel without a resolution of the Palestinian problem or a guarantee that any Arab leader would join him in a peace accord.

"Sadat was one of the most interesting man I've ever met in my life," recalled President Ezer Weizman, then Begin's defense minister and the most senior per-



sonality to attend the reunion. "I believe what brought Sadat [to Jerusalem in 1977] was that he was the first Arab leader who gave us a bloody nose. No war is pleasant, but the Yorn Kippur War was especially unpleasant."

Weizman saw Camp David,

which he regards as the forerunner of the Oslo accords, as proof that people determine events. Carter, Begin and Sadat were as different as three men can be. But they all were charismatic, ambitious and wanted a place in history.

Weizman appears to have the fondest memories of Sadat. Both men loved drama and conversation, and were loath to grapple with

Simcha Dinitz, theo Israel's ambassador to Washington, recalls that during each crisis in the Camp David negotiations - and there were several - Weizman would walk into Sadat's cabin. The two men would spend several hours talking and then emerge. They would come out, and we now had one airport less," Dinitz recalled, "but the peace was still live."

Weizman, speaking about Carter, said "he had a religious streak in him. There were three influences on Carter. He was an engineer, a submariner and a Baptist. This made him very decisive. He once told me, 'I'm going to pursue the peace process aggressively.'"

Weizman recalls Begin with empathy. The prime minister felt he had given up too much. "Begin left Camp David with a broken heart," he said. "Good policies are important, but personalities are probably the most important thing," he said.
"I hope that people will learn from Camp David that it's not everything, but it's a lot to sit together, talk freely and argue till the early hours of the morning.

Samuel Lewis, then US ambassador to Israel, sees personality as only one of five conditions needed to resolve a conflict, especially one as difficult as the Arab-Israeli dispute. First, he said, both sides have to conclude that the stalemate is too painful to continue. Then, the leaders must be politically strong with

Other conditions include a substantial period of secret negotiations, so that each party has an idea. how the conflict could be resolved. The remaining elements are a supportive international environment and an agreed process of negotiations. Those elements, he says, do not seem present in Israel's negotiations with Syria. "I have my own doubts." Lewis said, "very grave doubts."

Lewis says all five elements appeared at Camp David, But still there were misunderstandings. The biggest, he recalls, was the argument over whether Begin had promised Carter to freeze settlements during the five years of nego-tiations on Palestinian autonomy.

Carter insisted Begin had made such a pledge. The prime minister said the freeze he agreed to would last only three months. The US president walked away convinced that he had been double-crossed.

Lewis appeared to side with Begin's version. His lesson to diplomats is don't negotiate when you're exhausted and always let somebody else take notes.

Camp David didn't last long. After the signing of the peace treaty on March 26, 1979, Egypt and Israel found themselves in basic disagreement over Palestinian autonomy. Operation Peace for Galilee in June 1982 was the last nail in the coffin.

Today, Abdul Rauf Reedy, an Egyptian diplomat who was at Camp David and later became ambassador to Washington, is pessimistic. He says the Oslo accords with the PLO appears to have been indefinitely stalled.

"In Egypt, and certainly in the Arab world, there is a sense of gloom and disenchantment," he said. 'The atmosphere in the Arab capitals today regarding normalization is much less than a year ago."

Weizman responded that he is convinced that in the end Israel and the Arabs will make peace. He harned to the retired Egyptian envoy and said, "Be more optimistic. Realize there are a few problems. Leadership in the Arab world hardly changes. Here, we have elec-

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It is a shameful period in the history of Switzerland, a country which hid behind its self-righteous insistence oo banking secrecy while making huge fortunes as a result of Nazi policies.

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When British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind visits Zurich next week, he will tell his Swiss counterpart, Flavio Cotti, of the "strong views beld in Britain," and be will urge the Swiss government to return the plundered

MARILYN HENRY

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said than done: The gold looted from countries which fell under Nazi occupation after 1939, along with jewelry, money and reli-gious objects stolen from Jews, were sent to Germany, melted down and made into ingots.

These recycled hars then received the Reichsbank imprint and a pre-war date stamp, providing a fig-leaf for delicate Swiss sensibilities and making it impossible to determine the true origin or age of the Nazi gold.

The British report, published this week under pressure from Jewiah parliamentarian Greville Janner, chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust, paints a picture of the Allies' attempts to keep track of the Nazi gold trail and of their impotence to stop this sale of looted trea-

It notes that by 1939, Germany had defaulted on its loans, exhausted its credit and was conducting almost all its trade on a harter basis.

Yet when the war started in September 1939, British officials estimated that Germany's coffers had already received injections of gold worth \$97m. - from Austria, Czechoslovakia and Danzig which was used directly to pay for imports of raw materials or sold for foreign currency.

Albert Thoms, bead of the precious metals department at the Reichsbank, explained the procednres to British interrogators immediately after the war: Loot seized by the Wehrmacht went directly to the Reichshauptkasse (Treasury), but loot seized by the Schutzstaffeln (SS) was handled That, however, might be easier exclusively hy the Reichsbank.

ernments unawares when they

were recently challenged to

explain their postwar dealings with

Bern and Zurich. A half-century

later. Switzerland is being called

upon to produce a larger share of

the Nazi loot, while Washington

and Londoo are assailed for

The Safe Haven documents,

reported with great fanfare, essen-

tially revisit post-war history, often

in ways that detract from the

Jewish organizations' original

point, which was to recover assets.

The Jerusalem Post noted that

many of the materials only seem to

muddy the waters. The documents

may interest or incite, but they

don't restore assets, one observer

He cited as examples documents

that indicate that the bank of the

family of Raoul Wallenberg had

Nazi sympathies, that the Bally

shoe company allegedly stockpiled

stolen leather, and that Hitler

deposited royalties from his book

Committee is now preparing for a

narrow investigation of dormant

Holocaust-era accounts in Swiss

banks, while the Swiss parliament

has been expected to pass legisla-

tion this session that will allow an

inquiry into its wartime relations

Both are operating in a highly

Some American and Swiss

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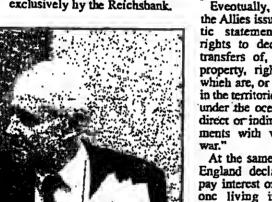
charged environment.

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Mein Kampf in a Swiss bank.

Several historians contacted by

accepting a flawed deal.



Swiss Minister Flavio Cotti (right) and Chief of the National Bank Hans Meyer end their meeting in Berne on Monday after announcing the National Council's decision to investigate any remaining Jewish money in Swiss banks.

The SS treasure was deposited in a holding account in the name of "Melmer" and, after being assessed, its value was transferred to an account in the name of "Max Heiliger."

Most of the re-smelting, he said, was conducted by Degussa (Deutsche Gold-und-Silber Scheideanatalt), which apparently paid a higher price for precious metala than the Mint.

While large stocks accumulated in the Reichshank and other secret hiding places in Germany, much of the gold was transferred abroad to hanks in neutral countries such as Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

British success in tracking these sometimes tortuous transactions depended on intercepting cables, movements of bank returns and occasional "confidential reports."

Britain put pressure oo neutral states to minimize their trade with Germany, hat Switzerland was particularly vulnerable. It was landlocked, shared a border with Germany and, after the fall of France, was surrounded by Axis

"Too tight a squeeze oo German-Swiss trade," noted ooe British document, "might result in German occupation of Switzerland, or in pushing Switzerland further into the Axis camp, both to the detriment of Britain's own war effort."

When it entered the war in 1941, the United States was also exercised by the cozy arrangement between Germany and Switzerland, but like Britain, it was uncertain about how to put pressure on the Swiss.

Eventually, in January 1943, the Allies issued a highly legalistic statement reserving their rights to declare invalid "any transfers of, or dealiogs with, property, rights and interests... which are, or have been, situated in the territories which have come under the occupation or control. direct or indirect, of the governments with which they are at

At the same time, the Bank of England declared it would not pay interest or dividends to anyone living in Switzerland or Sweden until the governments of those countries provided an assurance that their gold holdings were "free from enemy taint."

Moreover, an official from the Bank of England informed the Swiss Embassy in London that their country could expect "the maximum amount of trouble after the war."

Stung by the Allies' bluntness, and realizing that the tide of war had turned decisively against Germany, Switzerland announced it would not accept gold from

Swiss come under increasing pressure

the same publicity that first con-

vinced the Swiss to conduct these

inquiries could backfire now that

"I think it's counterproductive,"

the Swiss have come to the table.

anyone in German-occupied territory, and in December 1944, blocked all Hungarian, Slovak and Croatian accounts in Switzerland.

WITH THE war over, Britain and the US demanded the gold to compensate for war losses. There was no legal basis for the claim and the Swiss said that such a demand constituted a violation of their neutral status.

The Allies appealed oo moral rounds, asserting that Swiss boldiogs amounted to about \$200m. The Swiss flatly denied they had handled looted Nazi gold, but as the discussions became more animated, the chief Swiss negotiator unaccountably mentioned a figure of \$500 mil-

In March 1946, Swiss negotiators arrived in New York and by May they finally agreed to a oneoff payment to the Allies of 250 million Swiss francs in gold (\$80m.; about \$700m. today) just one-tenth of their actual holdings - to be paid into the Federal Reserve Bank in New

"On balanee," a British Treasury brief noted at the time. "the Allied negotiators had every reason to be satisfied that the best terms possible were made." Britain initially argued that identifiable gold should be returned to its owners, while the rest should form part of the reparations set-

However, they were forced toacquiesce in the American and French view that because it would be impossible to identify the owners of the gold, it should simply be divided among countries cotitled to restitution in proportion to their losses.

Noce of the money has been paid out and more than 50 years after the event, the Holocaust survivors and their descendants are still waiting to see just how the Swiss, the British and the Americans deal with the shameful issue of the Nazi gold.

Their wait might have been shortened by the announcement this week that the highly secretive Tripartite Commission, set up in 1946 to decide what to do with the gold, has finally decided to dishurse the \$80m. held in New York and Britain among 10 European countries whose coffers were plundered by the Nazis.

Details of the payoot were, in fact, made about 15 years ago but the execution has been delayed by Albania's dispute over the share it should receive.

The three-man commission revealed that the impasse is expected to be broken later this year, at which point the money will be distributed and the commission wound up.

None of the mooey will go directly to vietims of the Holocaust: rather it will be delivered to the various governments whose elaims have been accepted and they will adjudicate individual claims. The focus of British campaign-

er Greville Janner, however, is still firmly on Switzerland, which, he says, has "a moral obligation to think again about restoring gold reserves, now worth billions, to countries from which they were seized."

"And oot only to the countries, but to the victims or their families. The numbers of potential claimants is no excuse for refusing to restore what is legally and morally theirs."

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Nazi gold may have come from victims' teeth

SOME of the Nazi gold cap-tured in the Second World War and now held in Swiss hanks may have come from melteddown teeth fillings, according to a previously secret US government document made public last

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The document, a 1946 letter from a diplomat at the US Embassy in Paris to the secretary of state, refers to 8,307 gold bars found in April 1945 by US soldiers in a salt mine near Merkers, Germany, along with other gold, jewels, gold wedding rings, cash and 400 Old Master paiotings.

The treasures stashed at Merkers were sent there by Nazi propaganda chief Josef Goebbels, who wanted to keep the contents of the German Reichsbank and Berlin National Gallery artworks from Soviet troops advancing on the German

The document was found by researchers for the World Jewish Coogress in the US National ives and timed Seoate Banking Committee said it represented 20 percent of headed by New York Republican senator Alfonse D'Amato, which

has been investigating whether the looted assets of Holocaust victims were still in Swiss banks.

"We are filled with horror over the document's cootent but feel compelled to release it by the demands of history and justice. It is just a horrifying document," said Elan Steinberg, the WIC's executive director, of the letter written by US Embassy Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs Livingston Merchant.

In the letter, Merchant said he put a question mark next to an inventory listing for the gold bars because of its questionable origin. He then asked that tests be performed to determine if the gold bars represented "gold teeth fill-ings and therefore classifiable as

non-monetary gold." Steinberg said it was possible that the gold was collected from victims and turned into gold bars which were then boused at the Reichsbank Last week's report by the British Foreign Office described the Merkers hoard as

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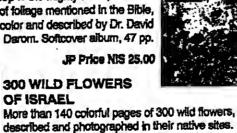
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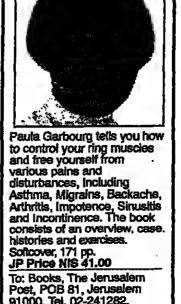
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Yom Kippur in a Siberian prison camp

In 1940, Polish townspeople were expelled to a Siberian work camp, where they spent a grueling Yom Kippur. Jerusalemite Zev Katz recalls their courage and religious commitment

T the beginning of World War II, the Germans occupied our town of Jaroslav in southern Poland. Two weeks later, they expelled the Jews of the town to the east, where we found ourselves under Soviet rule.

The Soviets twice conducted a registration of the refugees, dur-ing which we were asked: "Do you want to become a Soviet citizen or is it your wish to return to your old home in Poland, after the

Like so many others, we registered once for Soviet citizenship and once for returning home. The general feeling among the refugees was that if you didn't register for a return you would never be able to do so. The registration rounds were conducted late in the winter and in the early spring of 1940. Then, in June 1940, the KGB rounded up all those who had registered to return. We were arrested and exiled to "Barrack 9," a tiny settlement in the forests of the Altai Mountains in Southern Siberia, close to the borders of China and

Mongolia. At this open family prison, we oumbered about 40 families - 150 people. All the exiles in our barrack were Jowish, From later information we estimated that the "Polish Jewish refugees" exiled that night, amounted to some 200,000 to 300,000 souls.

The second night after our arrival was Friday night. Both my parents were from deeply religious families.

As Shahhat approached, my mother pulled out from our bundles one candle. She broke it in two and covered her head with a scarf. Then she covered her eyes with her hands, and as she pronounced the traditional prayer and kindled the candles, two small tears slowly flowed down her

In our room we started, quietly, "to say our prayers and sing the well-known Shabbat songs. Through the thin partitions we heard others singing in their

Saddenly, the door to our room was wrenched open violently. In the open frame stood one of our bosses - a huge threatening man. "I am warning you, cone of this nonsense! Next time yoo will be punished severely," he shouted. What do you think this is, a synagogue?" He stepped forward into our room, hlew out the candles,

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turned around and left, slamming the door. We remained in the dark. The incident did oot intimidate us to stop lighting lights (we did not always have candles) in honor

of Shabbat. Nor did we refrain from singing our Shabbat songs. We posted sentries of our own at the entrance to the barrack, to warn us if any of the bosses were coming. And we did our singing and prayers quietly - in case of informers in our midst.

THE SHOWDOWN came soon

enough - Yom Kippur. Not that I myself was religious - nor were so many of us (especially among the young) - but Yom Kippur was deeply embedded in our tradition. We found a way to mark it even, when for a short time, we were under the Germans. Besides, in the conditions of the harrack, this was a matter of "national-ethnic" self-

On Yom Kippur we went "to work" in the furthest part of "our" wood. On the day before, we did more work than usual to cover up for not working the next day - as long as we were not supervised. We agreed with all the others.

who were not under guard, to meet at 10 in the morning at a faraway dugout in the woods. Opposite its door, there was a hoge tree trunk on a small hill. In the absence of a Torah scroll, we placed a small Bible on it - which one of us had somehow kept, and we wrapped an old prayer shawl around the cut trunk. This we proclaimed our Holy Ark.

Our small group gathered around, and we started our Youn Kippur service.

We posted some young members of our group as sentries at strategie places so they could warn us in case any of our bosses approached. I looked around; all the congregants were quite aware that if we were discovered, it might end in a severe accusation of an illegal assembly, refusal-to work and conspiracy. Such mat-ters meant years of harsh imprisomment and separation from our families with little hope of ever seeing them again.

The people around me were just moment, yet they did not falter. Only two of us had prayer books, and even these were tattered. One elderly, bearded man who had a book stepped forward and started intoning the ancieot, solemn



tor, since he sang and intoned the prayers in the traditional manner. My two brothers and 1 used to sing in the choir in our synagogue back at home. So we joined in and

Some of the participants couldn't hold back, they were crying openly while beating their breasts: "Our Father, our King. we have sinned before thee. Be merciful, forgive us, have mercy upon us...

Since we were without prayer books, we simply repeated the words after the leader. And, although we were trying to be

as frightened as I was at that prayer of Kol Nidrei. The old man together it soundedlike a proper quiet for fear of being heard by ancient forest was reverberating, with the prayers going up straight to heaven.

"O God of Israel, save thy People Israel! Return us to Zion, to Your Holy City, Jerusalem," we chanted. What could be further from us in a corner of the endless Siberian forest than Jerusalem, I

Then we intoned the eustomary

Ah, to be Jewish in America on prayer in memory of the dead the holidays with grave solemnity. "O Lord, let there come before thee the shining memory of those who departed

MARILYN HENRY

THE calendar is kind to American Jewish workers this year. With Rosh Hashana and Succot falling on the weekend, most will be spared the annual haggling and expense of arranging from two to six days off to celebrate the holidays. Although most Americans are not observant, more than two-

thirds tell polisters they attend services during the High Hoty Days. But if they are in the syna-gogue, they are not at work. This is often inconvenient for employers and expensive for the

employee.
"You would think that employthe arrangements for time off," said Sally Greenberg, the legal adviser of the Anti-Defauration League in Boston.

For employers, religious holibound by federal law to accomdoes not place an "undue burden" on the workplace. This vague concept can be measured in money and aggravation.

Kaufman's face became as white The employer may decide that Then with a considerable effort the was fasting since the previous sundown) he stood up, got hold of a saw and together with another bearded veteran, they started sawing wood in the courtyard of the

What did the evil boss whisper into Kaufman's ear? At first we did oot know since he would not reveal it.

Suddenly we froze. From afar, the barking of dogs was heard.

This meant only one thing our bosses were on a search for us.

Our sentries came running back yelling "Run! Disperse!" Within

seconds, the prayer shawl was off.

the books hidden, and we were all sneaking off in different direc-

Either we were lucky, or the

bosses were not too keen to find

us out, and we were all able to return to the barrack as if nothing

Once at the barrack we learned

about what had happened. Some of the people at our settlement,

especially the old, were deeply religious. One of them, Abraham

Kaufman, was from our town in

Poland. I remembered how he

used to stand proudly in front of

his dry-goods emporium, with a long white beard - a highly

You can do to me whatever

you like - beat me, arrest me - I

shall absolutely not work on Yom Kippur," he told the bosses. They tried all kinds of ways to break him hut he stood his ground. Then

one of them - an especially evil

type - went over to him and whis-

pered something into his ear.

respected eitizen.

Disaster was near.

Within several days of this inci-dent he was dead - his heart could oot stand the humiliatioo and coercion. We gave Kanfman a traditional Jewish hurial. His body was washed and wrapped in a white sheet. It was put in a coffin of wooden planks, covered with a prayer shawl and carried in procession to the nearest hill where a

He was eulogized by ooe of the elders and then the two sons said Kaddish. Another old bearded man intoned "El Malei Rahamim," the prayer for the dead. We dispersed quietly,

One of the sons of the deceased disclosed, at last, what the evil boss had whispered into Kaufman's ear oo Yom Kippur Start working, or we take away oot only your food-ration card but also those of your entire family, including your grandchildren's. Then you will be responsible for their painful death from hunger. And don't delude yourself, we would do it.'

Kaufman worked on Youn Kippur to save his family.

Though some perished in Sibería, the great majority survived exile and WWII, returned to Poland and mostly made aliya (like our entire family).

Of those of our family and friends who were not exiled and who cried over us wheo they saw us led away by a security guard,

almost none remained alive. They all perished in the Holocaust.

Paradoxical are the ways of history: By exiling us from the remote Soviet-German border, the KGB actually saved us and several hundred thousand other Jews.

ers would go along, but there of too many employers to give workers the flexibility to make

days touch on both the law and public relations. Employers are modate their employees' relicions practices, but only if this

the company's image is worth the burden, but then the worker picks up the tab. Some Jewish workers complain about the cost. They argue that the calendar accommodates Christians, with Christmas and Easter as national bolidays, while they may have to exhaust an entire annual twoweeks vacation, dribbling it away a day or two at a time for

Workers' horror tales also extend to some Jewish agencies, publishers and newspapers that don't insist that employees work on holidays, but require that they use vacation days to get the time off. Or a Jewish firm may accommodate the Reform calendar, which celebrates fewer days for holidays than the 13 days observed by Conservative and Orthodox Jews.

Marc Stern, an attorney for the American Jewish Congress; is more sanguine about employers' generosity than Greenberg. Generally, employers don't give people a hard time" about the holidays, Stern said. But he added: "They won't get the holidays off the way they want. They won't get paid."

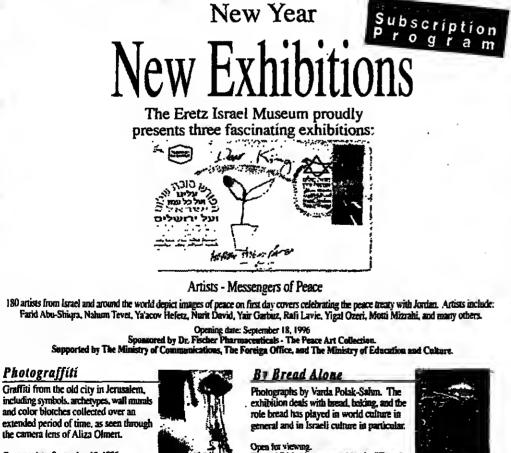
In the New York City public schools, there's no problem taking time off, said one teacher. Although New York is more liberal than most employers when it comes to Jewish holidays, the teacher said she still pays - in days or dollars. "I lose the pay or I lose vacation days," she said.

Some employers don't balk at the idea of Jewish holidays, just at the number of them.

When it comes to Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, Stern said: "Employers have heard of them. They don't think you are making something up." Many also know of the holiday of Succot, because they have seen photographs of succet in news-

The challenge, Stern said, is having the public become aware of Shavuot. "What are you going to do? Show them a picture of cheesecake?"

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To be or not to be? Weighing the right to parenthood

there is, it strikes me, something odd about the Supreme Court's decision handed down last week in the Ruti Nahmani case.

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Despite their seven-to-four split, all li of the judges who heard the case agreed that it was an unusually difficult nne to decide, there being no right and wrong in it but rather two "rights" of which only one could prevail.
As put by Judge Eliahu Mazza who voted with the majority to allow Ruti Nahmani to proceed with the implantation in a bost uterus of an ovum fertilized in 1991 by ber subsequently divorced husband's sperm:

"Ruti Nahmani wants to become a mother, and she has justice on her side. Danny Nahmani does not want to be the parent of joint children with Ruti, and he has justice on his side."

Weighing these two claims, Judge Mazza nevertheless found for Ruti because, "The justice on Ruti's side is greater than the jus-

tice on Danny's side... We must prefer imposing a specific limita-tion on Danny's right not to be an unwilling father to a more sweeping limitation on Ruti's right to be a mother. The harm inflicted on Danny's rights by the first limita-tion is intrinsically less than that inflicted on Ruti's rights by the second limitation."

I must say that, although it is easy to understand and sympathize with Ruti Nahmani, a woman who lost her womb to cancer, it is far from clear what the "right to parenthood," referred to as self-evident by nearly all the judges, consists of. Until now no such right has been recognized by Israeli law, and even if one looks at more rights-conscious democracies than our own, one would be hard-pressed to find such a con-

Classical human-rights theory, as exemplified by the first 10 amendments to the American Constitution, is more negatively than positively formulated and is

primarily concerned with protecting citizens from arbitrary government encroachments, not with guaranteeing them anything spe-cific beyond this. Even the more broadly phrased American Declaration of Independence prudently speaks of the "inalienable rights" of "life, liberty, and the

pursuit of happiness" alone. Like many women, Ruti Nahmani may feel that she needs a child to be happy; but nearly everyone feels that way about something, whether it be a field of work, a love relationship, or a sense of meaning in one's life - all things that no government can be expected to promise us, although none must be allowed to unreasonably hinder our efforts to attain

Suppose for the sake of the argument, however, that there is a special "right to parenthood" and that made a parent against one's will. Is there not also, then, a third right that was strangely absent from the judges' deliberations: the right of a child to have two parents, one a mother and one a father?

True, we live in a world in which one-parent families, almost always headed by mothers, some divorced and many never married. are not unusual, and this is a trend that shows signs of spreading to Israel, even if we are in this respect still far behind some of the more "advanced" countries of Europe and the Americas.

Yet there are many trends in the world today - the use of hard drugs is one - that are social pathologies which no sane society would wish to promote as a norm; and inasmuch as both the accumulated anthropological experience of mankind and the psychological

it is greater than the right not to be . investigations of our own age indicate that children need the steady presence of a father or male father-figure in order to become emorionally healthy adults, the one-parent family - as an overall rule if not necessarily in every case - must be considered socially pathological too.

IN A court decision based so

beavily on moral and emotional factors - or, in the words of Judge Eliezer Goldberg, also a member of the majority, on "the sorrow of Ruti as an involuntarily barren woman" - the apparently unthinking blessing given to such a pathology is remarkable. It is one thing, after all, through divorce, custody and welfare laws, to make provisions for one-parent children who have been born or created; it is quite another to insist on the right to bring them into the world

from a frozen cell in a test tube. Nor can one take seriously the comparison, made by several of the judges, between the Nahmani case and that of a pregnant woman who has the legal right to bear the child she is carrying

even if its father wishes her to abort. This right has to do only with a woman's control over her own body, as is easily seen by considering the opposed case. Suppose an unmarried pregnant mother wanted an abortion and the fetus's father objected on the grounds of his right to parent-bood - is it likely that any of the seven justices who upbeld Ruri Nahmani's appeal would side

Rather, underlying the court's decision, it seems to me, are a set of unexamined ideological assumptions whose ultimate roots lie partly in contemporary feminism and partly in a more inclusive "anti-family" coalition that has developed in recent decades in the United States and that also

includes gay-rights militants; activists in the black and other minority communities in which illegitimacy and broken-home rates are especially high; social welfare professionals; and many politically liberal intellectuals with their anti-bourgeois - or what today might be called "socially

deconstructionist" - views. One of these assumptions is that having children, like having sex, is something that one does or does not do for one's own pleasure, and that pleasure is as far as possible to be denied no one. A second is that men and women are in most respects interchangeable, in familife no less than in society. A third is that one parent, backed by the social and educational apparatus of the state, is just as good as

These assumptions are harmful enough in America, where they come to rationalize a situation that exists. In Israel, where it does not yet exist, it would be worse than foolish to import them.

The essence of being

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Sanhedrin 44a One's name is the very essence

Rabbi Hayim Soloveitchik of Volozhin, in his Ruah Hayim commentary on Avot 1:1

OM KIPPUR is the day of the Ineffable Name. In Temple days, it was the only occasion the High Priest might enter the Holy of Holies. In fact it was the only time anyone was permitted to enter that shrine, except the laborers doing repairs, who could enter whenever necessary.

On Yom Kippur the High Priest entered in order to conduct the High Service, during which also the only occasion - he prononnced the Tetragrammaton, the four-lettered Name of God it was otherwise forbidden to atter.

We don't know how the he pronounced the Name. Its consonants, yod-heh-vav-heh, are represented in the Roman alphabet by the characters y-h-w-h, and it is traditionally voweled with the sounds a-o-a-i/y, and pronounced as though it were a form of the Hebrew word adon, toeaning master/lord.

Early Greek Christian writers asserted that the Name was pronounced "Yahweh." Poet/novelist/mythologist Robert Graves speculated (in his The White Goddess) that this Name of Names was really an uttering of the full vowel range, "iaoué."

Today observant Jews pronounce it in its "master/lord" form when it appears in prayer and in Torah reading or Tanach study. Otherwise they pronounce it "Hashem," tocaning simply "The Name."

In "secular" writing, too, observant Jews never spell out the Tetragrammaton, replacing it by the Hebrew letter dalet or heh, which is also read as "Hashem."

As for the practise of writing "G-d" in English, a student of a leading Orthodox rabbi and teacher told me that his teacher once answered a question concerning that usage by writing "GOD" on the blackboard and promptly erasing it. I understand that observant Francophone Jews, too, enstomarily write "D." rather than the full

Some commentators make much of the fact that the consonants of the Tetragrammaton seem to make it a declension of the verb to be/become, whose root, ha-yo, is written with the letters heh-yodheh, as is "hayal was."

There is no "am/is/are" in Hebrew, about which Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote: Wisely the Hebrews admit no present tense in their language: / While we are speaking the word, it is already the Past" (Elegiac Verse). The term for "present [tense]" is "hoveh," spelled hehvay-heh. "Will be" is "yih' yeh," spelled yod-heh-yod-heh.

The excitement of those commentators is heightened by God's response to Moses' request to know His Name, which God says is "Eh'yeh asher ch'ych" (Exodus 3:14). This has 18 possible readings in various combinations of the following: "I shall be/become/am Who/What I am/become/shall be."

Accordingly, then, God's Name is "Being/Becoming" -Rabbi Soloveitchik's "very (Incidentally, essence." "essence" stems from the Latin word for "being.")

A related insight into human being/becoming is that of the father of the logotherapy ("healing through meaning") school of not you."

psycbotherapy, Prof. Viktor Frankl: "Man not only behaves according to what be is, he also becomes what be is according to bow be behaves" (Man's Search for Meaning).

ONE'S NAME represents the bearer's particularity, individuality. "A myrtle among thorns is still called 'myrtle,'" say the Sages (Sanhedrin 44a).

Respect for particularity, individuality, distinctiveness, difference - except where idolatry is concerned - indeed virtual sanctification of them, stands at the center of the Jewish world outlook, as an integral part of the belief in a universe brought into being by a purposeful Creator. The Sages tell us that God created only one buman being at first in order to teach us that when we sustain even a single life, we have sustained an entire world, and when we destroy as much as one single life, we bave destroyed an entire world (Sanhedrin 37a, Bava Batra 11a).

It is through the individual, the particular, that we reach the universal. "The particular is the general," Goethe says in a poem on which Kurt Riezler comments: "This universal humanum becomes visible only to the inner richness of the particular. Here it becomes concrete. The particular is concrete by virtue of many forces, relations, factors, grown together in its particularity.' On another scale, "the way to

buman society passes through national society," the French Nobel Prize-winning novelist/philosopber Albert Camus said.

PARTICULARITY, individuality, is a very fragile thing. It one's fellow's no more and no less than one's own - must be tended with care. Healthy individuality doesn't toean unbri-dled, "doing-my-own-thing" egotism, doesn't mean total permissiveness. Neither can it mean a rigid "Love thy neighbor as thyself" or a careless, unqualified reliance on "reasonable-

ness" to human relations. "In a society where there is no law and in theory no compulsion," George Orwell wrote, "the only arbiter of behavior is public opinion. But public opinion, because of the tremendous urge to conformity in gregarious animals, is less tolerant than any system of law. When buman beings are governed by 'Thou shalt not,' the individual can practise a certain amount of eccentricity; when they are supposedly governed by 'love' and reason,' [the individual] is under continuous pressure to... behave and think exactly the same way as anyone else does" (quoted in The Coercive Utopians by Rael

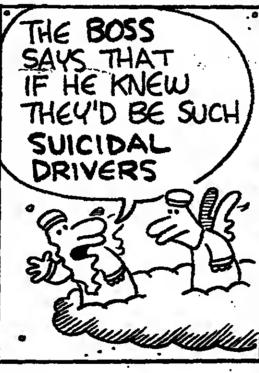
Jean and Erich Isaac). Or, as Viktor Frankl has put it, "Unlike an animal, Man is no longer told by drives and instincts what be must do. And in contrast to Man in former times, he is no longer told by tradition and values what be should do. Now, knowing neither what he must do nor what be should do, he sometimes does not even know basically what he wishes to do - which is conformism - or he does what other people wish him to do - which is totalitarian-

ism" (The Unconscious God). The 19th-century bassidic leader, Rabbi Menahem Mendel Morgenstern of Kotzk, beautifully summed up the sanctity of individuality and the essence of being in this epigram: "If I am I because I am I and you are you because you are you, then I am I and you are you. But if I am I [solely] because you are you and you are you [solely] because I am I, then I am not I and you are

Dry Bones









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ollowing the tragic suicide of the young boy whose parents had failed to make the "book fee" payment, the media has been beating its breast about this terrible Israeli iniquity.

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A strange day of contrasts

SHABBAT SHALOM SHLOMO RISKIN

N a ski lift in the mountains. A perfect day. Suddenly the cables snap. Death is seconds away. Strangely, there is no fear of impending extinction, but rather a haunting question: "Who will mourn me?" The answer brings a cold sweat. "Only my mother."

Is it possible that one's life has meant so little? What about children? But the heart knows they were lost long ago; at best they would produce artificial tears. And mother would have mourned the death of a newborn. Does that mean that nothing done in a lifetime had moved any one?

The event described wasn't a dream. The man came down from that mountain determined to change his life, and he did. He became generous, open, loving, touching many, many people.

As we approach Yom Kippur,

this could serve as a metaphor. Yom Kippur is a strange day, filled with great contrasts: the shroud-like white robe as we intone the words: "Whose time is up and whose is not, who by fire and who by water," as well as the spiritual high as we chant "we are Your children and You are our

On the one hand we fast for 25 hours, forbidden to bathe, engage in marital relations, or wear leather shoes - a day when our very existence is brought into question. But the great fast is not only a day of frightening awakenings. The many peaks of the Yom Kippur liturgy allow a Jew to become a newly created being. The fast is not only a way to afflict our souls, but it's also a means by which to transcend the limitations of our physical bodies; for one day a year we are allowed entry into a realm closer to the angels. The atonement of Yom Kippur purifies us, and we become dizzy with joy as we scale the heights to heaven.

MAYBE this is why people approach Yom Kippur with one step forward and two steps back. Nowhere is this dichotomy more vivid than in two consecutive verses in Aharei Mot, the Torah portion containing the Yom Kippur service.

In the first verse we read: "And this shall be a statute forever to you, that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls." (Lev. 16: 29) And immediately following we read: "This is because on this day you shall have all your sins atoned. so that you will be cleansed. Before God you shall be purified."

Is it a day of affliction, or a day of forgiveness? And if it's both, how does a day that afflicts the soul redeem the person? To understand these ideas, we

turn to Maimonides's Laws of Repentance, where he describes what happens to us on the day of judgment. If a person has more merits than transgressions, he is called righteous (tzaddik), and if he has more transgressions than toerits, he is called wicked (rasha). Most of us are neither one nor the other and, teaches this great sage, "the individual will die in his wickedness" unless he performs a mitzva to rip the scale in his favor.

What seems difficult is that

Maimonides seems to be speaking of another kind of repentance. He writes that "a person should attempt to do teshuva and to confess the sins from his mouth, and to shake off the sins from his hand... in order that he should die as a ba'al

come." Why does Maimonides first warn one away from transgression by using death as the punishment, and then make it seem as if death is not as important as acquiring the world to come?

teshuva and merit the world to

I believe that the latter citation illuminates the first. Maimonides is teaching a profound truth about life and death. He wants us to know that the problem isn't death; everyone has to die. The issue is not that we die; it is rather how we

In halacha two of chapter seven, Maimonides recommends that a person should always look upon himself as if he is about to die. "And lest he die while standing in his sin, he should therefore impracdiately do teshuva."

This explains what Maimonides meant carlier. The problem we face is not that we die if we have more sins than merits, but rather that we'd die as a rasha, thereby forfeiting spicitual eternity. Indeed, a person should always look at himself as if he is about to did everything hanging on whether he dies as a righteous person or as a wicked one. And how we die is a function of how we live. If a person's life brought him into a profound relationship with God, then death becomes merely a transition.

On Yom Kippur a person confronts his mortality, standing before God in his shroud, away from the comforts of his home, without food or drink, without sexual relationships. From a certain perspective. the individual looks at himself as if he had died. This bitter fact of life engenders serious questions. Do we merit another year?

The Torah's command regarding Yom Kippur contains the answer, particularly as illuminated by the codification of Maimonides.

"This is because on this day you shall have all your sins atoned so that you will be cleansed. Before God [lifnei Hashem] you will be purified."

The important message is the concept of lifnei Hashem. A person has to live his life so that he may die in the presence of God. This kind of life inevitably brings one close to God, and enables the dimension of eternal spirituality to encompass him from life to life. from world to world.

Yom Kippur shows us that we are on a high mountain, where even one sin, one extra ounce of weight, can lead to our death as we dangle over the valley below. We have to assess the kind of life we're living, the values we hold dear, the pursuits to which we dedicate our time.

Lifnei Hashem; Before God! Yom Kippur is the realization of the Psalmist's prayer: "One thing I ask from the Lord, one thing I desire - that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." (Psalms 27:4) May it be God's will that that is precisely what we feel, every day.

Shabbat Shalom and an easy fast.

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Haredi-friendly flights

Leading rabbis are requesting flights without stewardesses or

films. Halm Shapiro reports

presidential candidates.

but it means dollars and cents to

airlines flying to Israel, which are

being faced with demands for spe-

The demand was voiced in

front-page advertisements pub-

lished on the eve of Rosh Hashana

by both Hamodia and Yated

Ne'eman, the two dailies serving

the haredi public. In an appeal

signed by many leading haredi

rabbis, the advertisements spoke

of the "pitfalls" awaiting passen-

gers to the Holy Land when they

were exposed to "very troubling

visions" and "terrible pictures" in

the form of films shown during

The campaign against the in-flight films, the appeal said, fol-

lowed successful efforts to ban

"immodest" advertisements from

sidewalks and videos on buses in

Israel. Now, the advertisement said, the rabbis were appealing to

the airlines to allow the God-fear-

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Whose capital is it anyway?

GRAPEVINE GREER FAY CASHMAN

HE invitation for their country's 175th Independence Day celebrations sent out by El Salvador ambassador Alfonso Quinonez Meza and his wife Clara specified that the reception at their home would take place between 7 and 9 p.m. Miriam Golan, who is responsible for bilateral and interparliamentary relations in the Knesset Speaker's office, arrived embarrassingly early because she'd forgotten to move the clock back, while Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahn and his wife Sara arrived at 9.02 when many of the other guests had already left.

The Netanyahus were the meat in the sandwich between six bodyguards who would not allow anyone to come near to the PM. Three other bodyguards sat on the roof, and several more were ranged around the exterior of the building.

Notwithstanding the claustropho-bic environment, Netanyahu managed to keep a clear head noting how much Israel values its relationship with El Salvador and Costa Rica "who recognized the right of Israel to determine its own capital." Both countries have their embassies in Jerusalem.

THOUGH NONE of the three offspring of the late prime minister Menachem Begin were present to hear the accolade, some of his former colleagues and associates seated in the auditorium of the Hebrew University's Truman Institute smiled broadly when Sam Lewis, former US ambassador to Israel, described Begin as "the best negotiator at Camp David."

The Camp David Accords' 18th anniversary symposium brought



AMCHA executive director John Lemberger, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, Amcha board chairman Benjamin Navon and German Ambassador Theodore Wallau at a reception to mark the first anniversary of the organization, which provides psychological and social assistance to Holocaust survivors in Israel.

together several of the former players in the battle for peace in the Middle East and proved that diplomats can also be stand-up comedians and straight men. Meir Rosennne, former ambassador to the US, elicited belly laughs and guffaws as he punctuated his historical references with well-chosen jokes, while Egyptian ambassador Mohammed Bassionny played straight man to President Ezer

When Weizman commented that the late president Anwar Sadat did-

n't think much of Syria, he turned to Bassiouny for confirmation asking: "Mohammed, am I right?" To which a grinning Bassiouny replied: "You're always right." Bassiouny, who is often upstaged by his wife Nagwa, who has no difficulty in conversing in Hebrew, this time proved that be can also get along in the lingo. He made his opening remarks in Hebrew, and closed by wishing everyone Shana

US SENATOR Daniel Patrick is of Irish stock, whereas Herzog

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BEFORE YOM KIPPUR.

Moynihan, reading a preview copy of a new Random House publication, wrote: "a witty and fascinating memoir by one of the century's great Irishmen." He was in fact referring to Israel's sixth president

Washington on November 6. Moynihan's tongue-in-cheek comment about the author, relates to their common backgrounds. Though born in the US, Moynihan

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HAVEN'T WE HEARD

THAT BEFORE ?..

book Living History: A Memoir

will be launched in New York and

himself was born in Ireland. The two forged a lasting friendship when both were serving as ambassadors to the United Nations.

Herzog and his wife Aura will travel to America for the lannch and will subsequently undertake an extensive promotional tour across the US. The book, which opens with the Irish Revolution and Herzog's chikihood in Ireland, will be distributed throughout the British Commonwealth by Weidenfeld and Nicolson. Herzog, by the way, celebrated his 78th birthday this week.

THE QUESTION mark which hovered over the continued operations of the British Council in Israel has been replaced with a dash. The BC is not only in high gear, but is also acting as an agent for the British Tourist Authority, BC director Harley Brookes revealed this week at a reception which he and his wife Didi hosted in the garden of the BC's Jerusalem premises. Since the invitation did not state the purpose of the gathering several of the guests wondered if it was a swansong affair. Happily, it wasn't. The party, said Brookes, was simply to say "Happy New Year." The BC is to some extent a rival, quipped British ambassador David Manning, noting that it "is one of the best ambassadors for Britain." He also voiced his jealousy of the BC's impressive Jerusalem stone building, to which the response

Chaim Herzog, whose most recent Incidentally, director of the BC's English language centers Tom Hinton is very "pro-U" and is lobbying hard to get American-minded Israelis to restore the 21st letter of the alphabet into words like color, labor and favorite.

> IT'S NO secret that the days of Atara, one of the capital's oldest coffee shops, are numbered, and the premises will next month be transformed into a Burger King outlet. 'Amongst Atara's noon-time crowd on the eve of Rosh Hashana were Yisrael Ba'aliya MK Yuri Stern, the Jewish National Fund's information director Benny Mushkin and Greek philosophy expert Ya'acov Shibi. Jerusalem mayor Ehud Ohnert and some of his close cronies chose to take their coffee at Atara's obvious successor, Chagall, a few meters away on the Ben-Yehuda Mall.

ATTENDING A reception to mark the first anniversary of AMCHA's activities in Tel Aviv, the city's mayor Roni Milo came in a personal as well as an official capacity. Lauding the work of the organization, which is dedicated to providing psychological and social assistance to Holocaust survivors, Milo revealed that his mother-inlaw is a Holocaust survivor, who as even the special sections were a result of years of starvation in Auschwitz has a compulsive need to feed others.

Also present were Germany's new ambassador to Israel, Theodore Wallau, who visited AMCHA even before presenting his credentials in Jerusalem, Polish ambassador Wojciech Adamiecki and Rwandan ambassador Michel N. Rugema, along with senior diplomats from the British and Hungarian embassies.

tering such scenes. Naturally, the rabbis continued, the haredi public would prefer to fly with airlines which acted in accord with their Both newspaper advertisements were accompanied by front-page from all quarters was "Move the embassy to Jerusalem." news stories concerning the rabbinical appeal. The stories were largely identical, although they listed the rabbis signing the appeal in a different order. In Hamodia, the first rabbis listed were Hassidic leaders, the

rebbes of Viznitz, Gur and Belz, while in Yated Ne'eman, the first names listed were those of rabbis Yosef Shalom Eliashiv, Arye Leib Steinman, and Shmuel Halevy Vozner, leaders of the non-Hassidic "Lithuanian" community. Both also said that Tower Airlines had been the first company to abide by the requests of the haredi community and that 14 planeloads of yeshiva students had arrived before the holiday.

We would have been very happy to have had 14 planeloads, but that wasn't the case. To our sorrow, Tower has no flight which is just for the baredi public," said Sabina Diran, director of Tower's Israel office.

What the airline had done, she said, was to allow yeshiva students to sit together in one section, holding about 100 passengers or 20 percent of the entire flight. In that section, she said, no films were shown and only male stewards served the meals. However, she added, contrary to press reports, these had not been full flights only for the haredim, and

AMILY values" may be only for special dates.

a slogan for American

El Al spokesman El Al spokesman Nachman Klieman said that El Al had been approached by haredi groups m the past and was very happy to work with them. He noted that in addition to the ordinary meals, which are certified as kasher lamehadrin by the Israeli Chief Rabbinate, the airline also provides sealed meals with the kashrut certificate of the Jerusalem Badatz, the rabbinical

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court of the Eda Haredit. Klieman said that El Al has a special movie review committee which selects movies based on special criteria "in keeping with the special character of the airline." The films are edited according to El Al's demands for viewing by family audiences, in keeping with requests not just from Jews, but from Christian groups as

well, he said. The El Al spokesman said that the airline will arrange a special section in 747-400 flights to New York for passengers who wish to sit in an area without movies. This is possible in these planes, he said, because each seat in has its own private screen which can be shut off. However, he stressed, passengers who wish to sit in this section must ask for it in advance through their agents.

On occasion when there are special requests from leading haredi rabbis, Klieman added, El Al will ensure that male stewards are there to serve them. This too, he said, must be arranged in advance. In fact, he added, El Al has religiously observant stewards who can be put on a special flight when necessary.

Recently, Klieman noted, the airline ran a special convoy of flights for Bratslav Hassidim, who traditionally spend Rosh Hashana at the tomb of the Bratslav rebbe in Uman in Ukraine. There were 12 such flights, he said, with a total of 2,000 passengers in which no films were shown and only stewards were on board.

However the haredi leaders are apparently not willing to let up on their demands. In one flight, Hamodia said, the soul of a boy or girl could become depraved, and years of education could go down the drain. Both papers reported that travel agents catering to the haredi public had been asked to sign agreements to send their clients on "modest" flights.

"It should be noted that yeshiva heads who heard of the new arrangements said that if kosher flights were available, they would not accept students who had flown on other flights," Hamodia concluded.

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26 Bob reads badly, so gets

27 Hear the boy is told to get

28 Modern business course (9)

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ACROSS

- 7 Broadcast-it need not show restraint (9)
- under the bridge by the billy goats (5)

8 The first bit of bread found

- 10 Regular study by good man, a hard worker (8)
- 11 What the funny should be without a thought (6)
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- 13 Risk the consequence. displeasure (8)
- 15 Send 12 signal (7) 17 Etchers working in the city
- 20 Send for a drive? (8) 22 Cut a gaol term (4)
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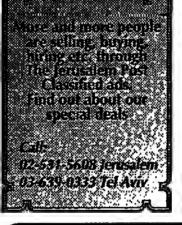
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Friday, September 20, 1996

Meridor to ask gov't to approve Brodet savings reform despite PM's reservations

GALIT LIPKIS BECK and DAVID HARRIS

FINANCE Minister Dan Meridor yesterday said he fully endorses the Brodel Committee's proposals for structural reforms aimed at diverting short-term savings into long-term alternatives.

Meridor said he will present the committee's recommendations to a special cabinet meeting scheduled for the second week in October.

Meridor's unequivocal support might generate serious discord with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, both of whom have expressed reservations concerning the report's proposed taxation of cur-

rently popular short-term savings plans. The issue is particularly sensitive from Netanyahu's viewpoint, since throughout his election campaign, and since taking office, he has repeatedly promised not to impose any new taxes.

Meanwhile, Treasury Director-General David Brodet yesterday told The Jerusalem Post he is "still optimistic the recommenda-

tions will be accepted." Brodet said he had expected some criticism of the proposed changes to the capital markets, published on Tuesday, but was sur-

prised the central bank failed to fully support the report. "It was a strange and puzzling reaction," said Brodet.

The first organization to support the find-ings should have been the Histadrut, added Brodet, who said the recommendations do not harm the labor union umbrella organizadon's pension funds "because the committee showed exceptional feeling for the pop-

ulation of Israel at large." Brodet added he expected the full support of the "social lobby" in the Knesset.

All professional institutions that have read the report in full say it is positive and have praised its contents, he said, while those criticizing the report have not offered any alternative suggestions to help the markets

Despite the objections to various elements of the document from the Prime Minister's Office and several key Likud politicians, Brodet says it is necessary to complete all negotiations on the plan's execution by December, but notes this responsibility is now in the hands of the political system, not the experts' committee.

If the report is oot implemented this time around, said Brodet, any future recommendations will have to be enforced amid more extreme condidons.

From its inception the committee had three main aims: To link savings and the capital markets; to create administrative differences between the benefits offered by short- and long-term savings, which would make the latter more lucrative; and rationalizing taxation across the financial markets. One of the main outcomes of the commit-

tee's proposals would be the creation of more money for mortgages, a development which will hopefully reduce mortgage interest rates. As a result, said Brodet, young couples and immigrants will end up paying lower mortgages and, despite the higher taxes oo savings, the net result will be beneficial for both the economy and the public.

All the recommendations had to fit in this framework, which necessitated imposing taxes on short- and mid-term savings - the very proposals which oow are meeting the fiercest opposition.

"The synergy (of all the proposals) results in a better outcome for everyone," said Broder. "Those for whom the pensioo is important will receive more, those who favor mortgages will receive more, those who prefer long-term savings will receive more. Whoever emphasizes the marginal issue of taxing short-term savings distorts the whole concept of the report." (Full interview in Moocy Magazine next

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At this stage, the other share-holders in Migdal, who together

hold 4.8% of the shares, will be

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After the spin-off, Generali has

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Generali is one of Italy's largest

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At the end of 1996, its overall

assets were valued at about \$65b.

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BITS AND BYTES JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Algorithm Research and French maker of smart cards announce agreement: Israel's Algorithm Research and the Freoch company Jem Plus have announced an agreement to join forces in developing "smart cards," otherwise known as electronic purses. Jem Plus is considered an international leader in

BIRD foundation aunonnees Internet site: Israeli and American companies looking for strategic partners can contact the Bioational Industrial Research and Development Foundation (BIRD), which pairs American and Israeli compaoies and offers 50% of project development costs up to \$700,000, at the foundation's site: bttp://www.birdf.com. The fouodation was established in 1977.

Geotek Technologies signs memorandum of nuderstanding with Hyundai Electronics: Geotek Technologies, a wholly owned subsidiary of Geotek Communications (Nasdaq), receotly annouoced that it signed an strategic partneriog agreement with Hyundai Electronics Industries Co. to supply FHMA-related equipment to the Korean market. Geotek Technologies develops and manufactures software for the commercial mobile radio market based on FHMA technology.

Kibbntz Ramot Menashe announces opening of new factory: Kibbutz Ramot Menasbe has anoounced the opening of a new microencapsulation factory known as Karmat. The company, which expects to employ 20 workers, was opened with an iovestment of \$700,000. Over the next six years an additional \$1 million is expected to be invested.

Koor Industries goes on-line: Koor Iodustries (NYSE), Israel's largest holding company, whose holdings include Telrad and Tadiran, has established a web site designed to give browsers up-to-date information on the activities within the company and its subsidiaries. Koor's address is http://www.koor.co.il.

Memco to provide system support for NCR: Memco Software has announced that it will be supplying its SeOS support software for NCR's computers. NCR is a oetworked computing resource of AT&T which develops busioess information process systems for worldwide markets.

Point of Sale to computerize Holiday Inn's restaurants: Point of Sale (Nasdaq), the Herzliya-based developer of retail software, has been awarded a contract to provide the restaurants in local Holiday Inn outlets with point-of-sale compoterized systems. Based on Wiodows 95, Point of Sale's technology bas been employed by retailers around the world.

RAD Selected by BBC Scotland: BBC Scotland in Glasgow has choseo RAD Data Communication's MP-MLQ voice compressioo technology, which offers outside broadcast crews the ability to transmit multiple voice links over a single ISDN circuit. RAD's Kilomux-2000 system uses 6.4 kbps of bandwidth. Recently, the company also anounced the DV-MUX2, an adaptive multiplexer engioeered to reduce the cost of voice

existing data links. Tecnomatix Signs \$1m. deal with Wise Design: Tecoomatix Technologies (Nasdaq) has announced the sale of \$1 million worth of its computer-aided production engineering (CAPE) software to the American company Wise Design. The technology allows productioo engineers to create an oo-screeo virtual

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Vishay (Dimona) sells chips to Japanese: Vishay (Dimooa) receotly said that three Japanese companies, Sony, Matsushita and Sanyo, bave announced plans to purchase their chips, designed for lithium batteries.

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Frutarom cutbacks sparks walkout

DAVID RUDGE

WORKERS Electrochemical Industries (Frutarom) plant south of Acre walked out on strike yesterday to protest management's demand to fire 140 of the firm's 400 workers and cut remaining employees' salaries by 40 percent.

Victor Sabag, a member of the works committee at the firm which manufactures mainly PVC, said the indefinite strike followed a breakdown in talks with management over the planned cutbacks. The Histadrut, he said, was supporting the workers' struggle and has declared a labor dispute on their behalf, following the announcement of management's decision on September 8 nd 1 in outding insmit-

"Management claims the reasons for the cutbacks are due to a higher cost of raw materials and the lower prices for PVC that it is getting on the market," said Sabag. "At the same time, the company made a profit of NIS 35 million last year and

in the past few years has invested \$25 million on two plants to increase production of PVC and EPVC." This, he added, followed a cut in the work force, with the agreement of the employees, in 1993 as part of a recovery plan. "We don't want to have to pay the price for these useless investments," said Sabag.

He stressed that the workers had taken all necessary precautions to ensure safety at the chemicals plant, after the decision to launch the indefinite strike.

Sabag maintained that the decision to strike was taken after management rejected alternative proposals by the workers' committee to help make the company more effi-

Zvika Greengold, senior vicepresident of the company, maintained that management had not set a definite number of redundancies and was anxious to continue talks with the workers and reach a negotiated

Africa Israel shareholders okay Migdal spin-off

AFRICA Israel shareholders yesterday approved the spin-off of Leumi Insurance Holdings, the parent company of Migdal, from Africa Israel Investments.

The vote paves the way for the sale of 40 percent of Migdal, Israel's largest insurer, to Assicurazioni Generali, Italy's largest insurer, for NIS 1.2 billion.

To enable Bank Leumi to comply with the requirements of the 1981 Banking (Licensing) Law, Leumi intends to announce a new tender for the sale of its surplus holdings in Africa Israel (excluding Migdal) next week.

Bank Leymi holds 51% of Africa Israel's share capital and is obligated to reach an agreement to reduce its holdings to 25% by the end of the year. The five contenders that participated in Bank Leumi's first teoder submitted bids lower than Generali's.

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massive copper trading scandal have

soared m \$2.6 billion from the \$1.8b.

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At the Africa Israel shareholders meeting yesterday, 99.98% of the participants voted in favor of the spin-off. To implement the trans-action, Bank Leurni required the approval of 75% of the sharehold-

Businessmen Eitan Wertheimer and Motti Zisser, who together bold 14% of the company's controlling shares and stock capital, did oot attend the meeting. The two gave Bank Leumi power of attorney after agreeing to support the move last week. In exchange, they received an option to demand Bank Leumi's sale of its Africa Israel holdings in one package, along with the bank's surplus holdings.

According to Bank Leumi's and Generali's letter of intent, the latter will exchange its 21.7% stake and the group completed 1994 with a net profit of \$536m.

Sumitomo puts copper scandal

and blamed the long-time head of its

copper trading division Yasuo

Hamanaka, whom it promptly fired.

planned no further changes to the

copper loss estimate and said it had

closed out most of the loss-making copper positions.

"As a result of our liquidation up

to now, there still remain some posi-

tions, including both short and long

positions, but the liquidation of

uncovered positions is nearly com-

plete," Sumitomo president Kenji

"Accordingly, there is almost no risk remaining and it is our judgment

that we will not again revise the esti-

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questioned Sumitomo's previous loss

company, his losses snowballing more than 40-fold as he tried to cover

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Miyahara told a news conference.

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TOKYO (Reuter) Sumitomo Corp
June 13 that it had suffered huge losssaid yesterday that losses from a es from unauthorized copper trades current exchange rate of 109 yen to the dollar, that would be \$59.6m. Miyahara said Hamanaka conducted as many as 2,000 unauthorized deals in a single year and forged The company said yesterday it or doctored documents to cover his tracks, according to an in-house investigation by a 60-strong task force that was still sifting through 2,000 cardboard boxes full of docu-

He declined to comment on whether Hamanaka had cooperated with the company's investigation.

Investigators from Britain and the US are also looking into the affair, the biggest financial scandal in histo-

In Washington, congressional hearings into the affair opened on Wednesday. An official with the US Federal Reserve said the crisis appeared to be confined to Sumitomo and had not spread to any

other financial firms. estimate, saying it appeared to be much too low given the company's Japanese authorities, meanwhile, have been reluctant to step into the huge exposure in the market and a sharp fall in copper prices since the case, arguing that since all of the questionable trades took place over-Sumitomo said Hamanaka had for seas, there would have been no viomore than a decade deceived the lation of Japanese law.

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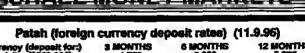
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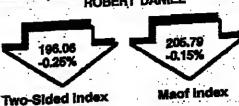
The Ministry of Health wishes to remind the public that, under the terms of the Health Insurance Law, one is not allowed to belong simultaneously to two health funds, but to only one.

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In the event of double registration, the most recent registration will be in force, in accordance with the regulations governing registration and transference.

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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SHARES were little chaoged for a second day. Shares of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., which was awaiting a crncial ruling from US regulators,

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dropped in heavy trading. Investors are awaiting the central bank's decisinn on whether to further cut interest rates, to be announced Tuesday. Options traders also will have a hand in next week's trading as their options expire Thursday. The stock exchange will be closed Sunday and Monday for Yom Kippur.

The Two-Sided Index fell 0.25 perceot to 196.06, preliminary figures showed, while the Maof index eased 0.15% to 205.79. Drot Kraus, portfolio

manager at Koor Investment House, said he is hoping for a cut in the Bank of Israel's henchmark interest rate of about 0.7 or 0.8 of a percentage point from its current level of (Bloomberg)

London stocks reach record highs

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Renter) - The UK stock market hit record highs yesterday on a wave of derivativerelated trading, but renewed interest rate worries, a weak opening on Wall Street and jitters about a key futures expiry helped pare gains. The FISE 100 index, which pushed to a record high of 3,987.7 points on business related to Friday's FTSE 100 and mid-250 futures and options expiry, drifted back to end the day at 3,974.3 points, up 18.6 points.

FRANKFURT - Shares ended bourse trade virtually unchanged, seemingly in two miods about which direction to pursoe after the release of domestic economic data with conflicting messages for the matket. The DAX index closed 1.26 points down at 2,624.44 on trade described by dealers as limited. In post bourse trade the IBIS DAX index was up 4.26 at 2,625.46.

PARIS - French shares ended up but off their highs on profittaking after the Bank of France shaved its intervention rate by 10 basis points to 3.25 percent. The bank's gesture, while well received, was widely expected after Wednesday's 1997 budget presentation. The blue-chip CAC-40 index closed up 9.60 points, or 0.46 percent, at 2,082.33.

er, buoyed by technical buying linked with futures trading. Brokers said that the market was off a temporary bottom, but investors were not confident of the market's energy amid a lack of buying factors. The key Nikkei 225 average powered up 166.10 points to close at 21,322.85.

TOKYO - Stocks closed high-

HONG KONG - Stocks clawed back most of their morning losses but still eoded slightly down on worries over US interest rates and the weakness of the US dollar. The Hang Seng Index closed down 7.35 poiots at 11,586.68. Turnover was: HK\$4.81 billion, a hefty drop from Wednesday's HK\$6.07b.

ZURICH - Swiss shares closed; with minor gains in quiet trade; and insurers were among the big-; gest gainers oo the day, drawing strength from Wednesday's news that Zurich Insurance's first half net profit rose 32.7%. The all-: share Swiss Performance Index rose 2.87 points, or 0.12%, to close at 2,368:34.

JOHANNESBURG - Thio dealing volumes and lethargy dominated trade on the South African equity market yesterday. as players took a breather following hectic activity ahead of fu-

tures close-out earliet this week. NYSE closes mixed

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks were mixed yesterday, struggling against a weak bond market. where interest rates rose after a strong reading on housing coostruction aggravated worries about rising inflation.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 9.62 points to close at 5,867.74, after having recovered from a 30-point

morning deficit. Most broad-market measures

shares continued to mount.

turned positive after a weak start. The technology-heavy Nasdaq market rose for the 10th straight session as investor interest in rebounding computer-industry

Despite rising interest rates in the bond market, investors have been hesitant to sell shares in the 30 Dow components and other large-company measures that have returned to record levels in the past week.

It was the third straight losing session for the Dow after two record highs, but the retreat has amounted to less than 22 points, with many investors remaining optimistic for a run at 6,000.

Stocks followed bonds lower after the government reported that construction of new homes and apartments unexpectedly shot up 4.5 percent in August to the highest level in nearly 2 1/2

The report heightened worries that rising demand for building materials and home furnishings will pressure a tight labor market, forcing higher payroll costs that might be passed on in consumers

through price increases.

So far, there has been little evidence that prices are rising. But analysts, who had predicted a 1.4% drop in housing starts, have been divided over whether the economy is slowing enough on its own to contain wage pressures.

If enough Federal Reserve officials are skeptical when they meet for a strategy session on Tuesday, the central bank may raise it's key lending rates to slow spending and demand.

As bond prices fell yesterday morning, the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond - a key determinant of corporate and consumer borrowing costs - rose to 7.04%, up from late Wednesday's

Semicooductor shares were: among the session's strongest issues, with Intel continuing this week's rally on news of its surprisingly strong third-quartet

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by an 8-to-7 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,110 up, 1,273 down and 848 unchanged.

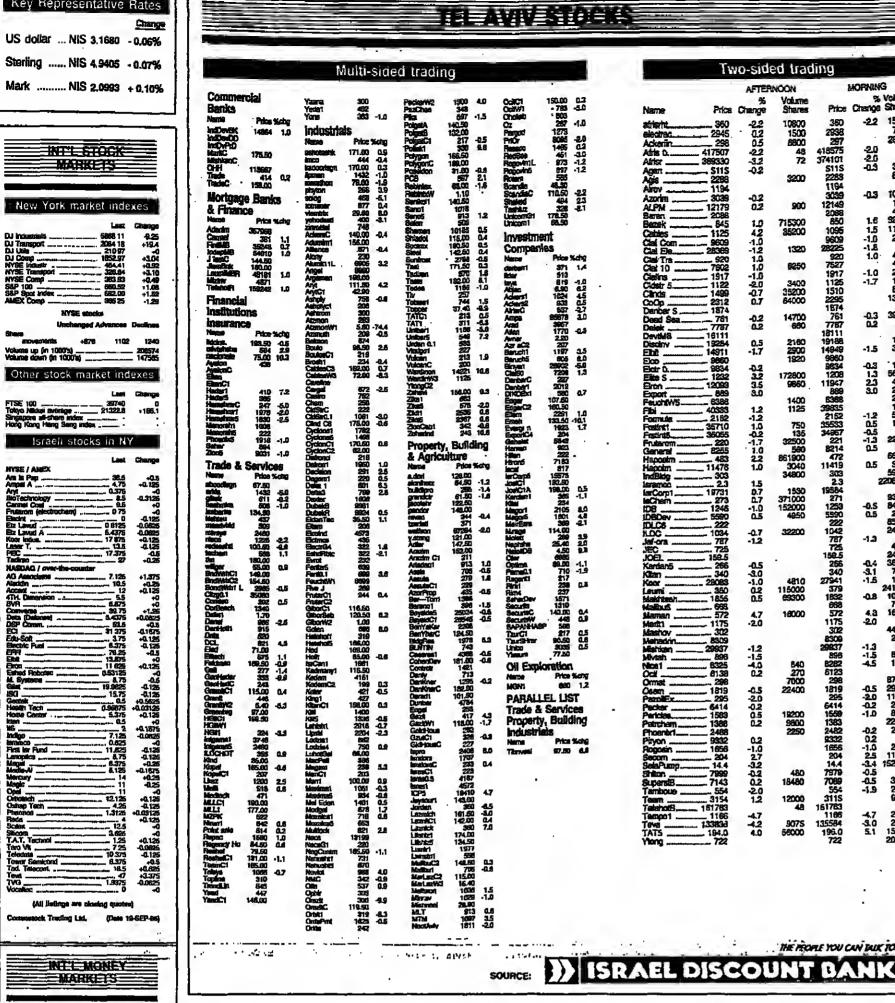
NYSE volume totaled 395.88. million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 395.82m. in the previous session.

The Standard & Poor's 500stock index was up 1.53 to 683.00, and the NYSE's composite index rose 0.50 to 363.94.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 6.38 to 1,212.09, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index fell 1.21 to

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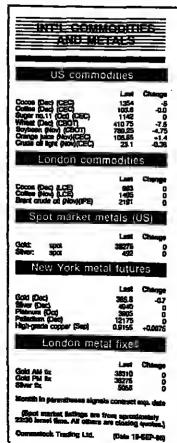
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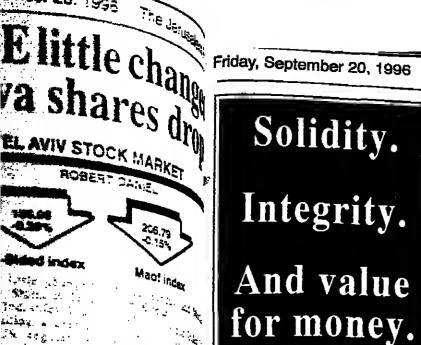
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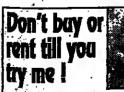
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Missing Palestinian security official found in Gaza hospital

A PALESTINIAN security official missing since July has been located in a Gaza hospital, where he is being kept under guard by Palestinian Authority chief Yasser Arafat's personal security force, Force 17.

Palestinian sources said Maj. Farid Shukari Assalya has been found in Gaza's Shifa Hospital, where he is in serious condition after he fell or was pushed from a second-floor window.

The major was seized by a unit of the Palestinian Preventive Security service on July 7 from the office of bis boss, Palestinian Police commander Gen. Nasser Yusef. The PA has never acknowledged Assalya's arrest

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and has rebuffed efforts by human rights groups, including Amnesty International, to locate bim.

Palestinian sources said Assalya, Yusef's chief aid, has been accused of treason and espionage in connection to what could have been his cooperation with US efforts to obtain the extradition of those responsible for the 1985 terrorist abduction of the Achille Lauro cruise ship and the killing of American citizen Leon Klinghoffer.

The leader of the terrorist squad that commandeered the ship, Mohammed Abul Abbas, oow resides in Gaza. Amnesty says the major might have been tor-

tured and starved during his detention. Another member of Yusef's staff, Sgt. Mohammed Rifat, disappeared oo July 1 and

has not been heard from since. Two other Palestinian officials, including a judge, are also said to have disappeared.

The arrests are regarded as a campaign to unseat Yusef. But Palestinian sources said the general has reconciled with Arafat and has resumed his high-level contacts with Israeli politicians, something which bad angered his

Israeli, Jordanian disabled to meet in jeep rally

DISABLED Israelis Jordanians will mark the second anniversary of the peace treaty between the two countries with a four-day jeep rally that will test their navigational skills, as they travel over ancient caravan routes

from the Negev into Jordan.

More than 75 jeeps are expected to take part in the Peace Rally. which begins on September 29. Starting at the Haas Promenade in Jerusalem, the convoy will wind its way to the Red Sea and into the Jordanian desert, Wadi Ram, the

Edom mountains, and ultimately to Petra.

Prince Rayed Bin Ziyad, a cousin of King Hussein, is to join in on the Jordanian leg, organizers said.

Yoel Sharon, chairman of the Challenge Association, which encourages the disabled to eogage in sports, said participants are also coming from Austria, France and

He said the Jordanian Disabled Association is sending a delegation of 12, including some who were wounded in military action.

One of the Israeli participants was wounded by the Jordanians while trying to reach Petra years ago and this will be his first trip back since.

"Not only is this good sport, but it undoubtedly symbolizes that people who once fought each other are now cooperating toward one goal - peace," Sharon said.
Some of the disabled will be dri-

ving jeeps with hand controls,

Sources say Levy close to appointing staff

FOREIGN Minister David Levy yesterday seemed on the verge of ending infighting in his ministry and naming its acting director-general Eitan Bentsur to the position permanently.

While Bentsur, a veteran diplomat, has always been the ministry's choice for the position, Levy political aide Ya'acov Bardugo covets the spot. Sources said that Levy has decided to make Bardugo his personal adviser and appoint him as his envoy to the Israeli-Palestinian steering

Two other Levy appointments also were close to being finalized last night, filling a vacuum that has existed since Levy became foreign minister in June. Sources said Freddy Eitan, a journalist who works in Israel Radio's French division, will become Levy's spokesman and Charles Tapir his economic aide.

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Jordanian names baby after Netanyahu

AMMAN (Reuter) - A Jordanian farmer has named his son after Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, because be shook the hand of Jordan's King Hussein, a

newspaper said yesterday.

Shihan Weekly said Ibrahim

Abadi infuriated his wife and family by naming his baby Netanyahu, but said the proud father was oot changing his mind.

"[Netanyahu] is an honorable guy because he put his hand in Abdullah's Hussein's]," Abadi told the paper. "It's not the lack of Arabic names, but my love of King Hussein which led me to choose this

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Palestinians are more like to agree

to ad-hoc security-related

arrangements for parts of the city,

than to accommodate far-reaching

Wheo Mordechai put forward

two principles for modifying the

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"Mordechai said Hebron was

the gateway for resolving these other issues," a source familiar

spokesman Avi Beoayahu, in

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that Israel would recognize

Dahaniye airport as an interna-

tional airport, said: "The subject

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raised in the meeting."



Genya Batesheva, a survivor of the Babi Yar massacre, lights a memorial candle during yesterday's ceremony at Yad Vashem marking the 55th anniversary of the massacre.

> (Continued from Page 1) Only last week did Mubarak ments in the region. publicly distance himself from his earlier threat, by saying publicly that Egypt is "determined" to hold

the conference on time. Ross informed Netanyahu that it was his impression that the conference

would be held. However, Mubarak's words were not the only ooes that upset Netanyahu. Earlier this week, Egyptian Defense Minister Mohammed Hussein Tantawi told the Egyptian daily al-Gommeriah that Egypt's military was training in the event of a buclear attack by

"As loog as there is a neighbor-ing country which has weapons of mass destruction, we must carry out defensive training aimed at

facing up to a use of these weapons," Tantawi said. He termed the 10-day-loog war games, called "Badr 96," which began oo Tuesday, "the largest strategic maneuvers" ever held in Egypt. They reportedly involve navy, air force, infantry, artillery, paratroop, and commando units. Amphibious landing exercises were also conducted, apparently including a simulation of crossing the Suez Canal. Tantawi said that

THREATS advance and oot tied to develop-

The following day, however, there were blistering attacks on Netanyahu in the Egyptian media. There were unconfirmed reports

that one Egyptian media outlet compared Netanyahu to Adolf Netanyahu's comments about Egypt stand in cootrast to his feeling after holding talks in Egypt in July that be and Mubarak would work very closely together. Netanyahu has noted frequeotly

how often he and Mubarak have been in phone contact. One source insisted that a full two-thirds of the Netanyahu-Ross meeting was taken up by the premier's complaints about Egypt. This source insisted that Ross agreed that if peace is a strategic choice for a country, it must resoive differences only

negotiating table. Ross was not available for com-

Meanwhile, while under fire for suggesting earlier in the week that ties to the US were not vital to national security. Netanyahu used the Ross meeting as an opportuni-ty to thank the Clintoo adminis-

tratioo for its friendly stance.

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LEBANON

Altogether, according to UNIFIL sources, the IDF fired as many as 500 artillery and tank rounds in a period of about four hours after the clash.

the exercises were planned in

According to some reports from Lebanon, scores of residents fled their homes as a result of the shelling and IAF raids. This, together with the wounding of the woman, prompted both Hizbuliah and Lehanese government officials to accuse Israel of breaking the Operation Grapes of Wrath understandings and to call for a meeting of the monitoring

Levine, however, told reporters that Hizbullah had first breached the understandings by firing mortars from inside villages.

"The understandings are not a cease-fire agreement, but are designed to try to keep civilians out of the action. Under the understandings, Hizbullah is banned under any circumstances from firing at communities or civilians in Israel or the security zone," he said.

"This they have adhered to, so far. Hizbullah, bowever, is also forbiddeo to act in and from their own civilian areas and here they are blatantly breaching the agreemeots by firing from inside vil-

lages, eveo between houses. The IDF is very strict in trying to ensure no breach of the understandings, but there is a clear clause which states that for the purpose of self-defense, returning fire at the source of the shooting is permitted.

They are firing, accurate fire, from inside the villages, and therefore we return fire ... and we will hit them in every place from which they fire successfully at our forces.

Levine stressed that it is in the interests of Hizbullah to adhere to the understandings to prevent being hit "seven times harder" if the situation returns to what it was before Operation Grapes of

TEVA

(Continued from Page 1) "We believe that the FDA will give its final approval based on the committee's recommendatioo," said Aaron Schwartz, head

of Teva's Copaxone division. If Copaxone gets the FDA approval, it will be the first Israeli inveoted and developed drug to come to the world market.

Analysis have estimated that the US market for an effective MS treatment could total anywhere from \$200 million to \$1 billion a

Wall Street reacted enthusiastically following the FDA's decision. After an initial knee-jerk reaction scot Teva's Nasdaq-traded stock soaring to \$48.375, it fell back and closed at \$47, ap \$3.5, or 8 percent. Since last week, the company's shares have surged more than 30%.

FDA approval of Copaxone "would obviously have a major positive financial effect" on Teva, Gruntal and Co. analyst David Saks told Bloomberg.

Since the FDA decided to review Copaxone in October 1995, Teva has faced many ms and downs in the battle for final approval. The FDA sent Teva out to gather and provide more data several times. In July, the FDA reneged oo its decision to let the company bypass the review stage involving the advisory panel.

The next big question, if Copaxooe does get the FDA's final approval, is for what uses will the drug be approved.

MS is an incurable, debilitating disease of the central nervous system. It leads to attacks that can cause paralysis, blindness, deafness, and lack of muscle control. The effects can be sudden and progressive, or intermitteot and remitting.

Developed at the Weizmann Institute. Copaxooe is said to reduce the frequency and severity of MS attacks. So far only two drugs. Biogen Inc.'s Avonex and the Chiron Corp.'s Betaseron. have received FDA approval for

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Egypt, the Palestinian Authority,

and Israel, Ross flew home. It is not known if this was due to his belief that Damascus will not accept Netanyahu's formula for resumption of talks, or if - as some said - it may mark a form of US displeasure with Syrian military redeployment in Lebanoo and on Mt. Hermon.

Formally, the Ross trip was devoted to ensuring that the Cairo economic summit occurs on schedule in November and to being briefed by Defense Minister Yirzhak Mordechai on plans for Hebron redeployment, so there was oo need to visit Syria.

It should be noted that Secretary of State Warren Christopher is to meet Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara next week at the UN Geoeral Assembly, where they are expected to discuss resuming peace talks and Syrian troop movements.

Meanwhile, Syria stepped up its vitriolic rheloric against Netanyahu, with the government newspaper Al-Ba'ath comparing his psychological state to that of Adolf Hitler

The oewspaper said that Israel bad moved forward forces toward the border, which it described as a threatening deployment.



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Haifa unveils state-of-the-art athletics stadium

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HAIFA'S brand new international athletics stadium was opened yesterday by the deputy minister of education, culture and sport, Moshe Peled. Attending the ceremony were the head of the Sports Authority, Dr. Yehoshua Dekel, Haifa mayor Amram Mitzna and chairman of the Israel Sports Betting Board Arych Zeif.

The stadium was built at a cost of NIS 6.5 M while another NIS 6 M is slated for permanant seating, a fitness room and an electronic clock which will meet Olympic demands.

The eight-lane stadium oow has temporary seating for 500 and a mobile elock for recording times. Pole vaniters Danny Krasnov and Konstantin Simyonev along with triple jumper Rogel Nahum were among the athletes who demonstrated the facilities.

Peled expressed the hope that the stadium would be fully utilized throughout the day, especially by the youth. Other sports facilities of this standard are at Hadar Yosef, Wingate Institute and Tzernacb at the

Spotlight on Berkowitz as he prepares to leave for Southampton

DEREK FATTAL

RISHON Lezion is the venue most likely to capture the attention of local soccer fans during this weekend's third round of National League action. The Rishonis, currently nestling in 6th position, take oo third-placed Maccabi Haifa tomorrow in a match expected to mark Maccabi midfielder Eyal Berkowitz's final appearance with the club before his long-awaited move to English Premier League

side Southampton. Berkowitz has distinguished himself over the last few seasons with the Haifaites and it is to be hoped that the Maccabi fans will turn out in force to cheer the compact playmaker who is set to earn a quarter-million-dollars-a-season in England.

An added sense of poignancy will be evident at Hapoel Beit She'an's match tomorrow against current tabletoppers Hapoel Petah Tikva as coach Elisha Levy opens a new chapter in his involvement with the Beit She'an side that elinched promotion to the top flight under his stewardship two years ago.

Levy is at Hapoel's helm for the first time this season, making his return following the resignation of Gny Levy two weeks ago. Guy Levy's move opened the door for Elisha's comeback after the latter was unable to continue at Zafririm Holon due to its dire financial crisis. There is no doubt that the Beit She'anis are in need of Elisha's

colorful style of management after two straight losses have left the team in 15th place. Championship hopefuls Betar Jerusalem are hosted by Hapoel Beersheha tomorrow evening. Betar coach Eli Cohen is likely to include Stefan Saloi in the opening line-up after his late introduc-

tion during the side's last outing

against Hapoel Haifa turned defeat The Haifaites should have an

easier time at home this afternoon against Bnei Yehuda. The Hatikva Quarter supporters are still smarting from the 4-1 home defeat suffered in the last round against Maccabi Petah Tikva. A loss today will ensure that plenty of chickens will have more than their feathers ruffled in the streets of the Hatikva Quarter come Sunday.

Maccabi Tel Aviv needs to make its mark in the league ahead of Wednesday's UEFA cup coofrootation with Tenerife and match hosts Maccahi Herzliya could find themselves under fire from Avraham Grant's men. The going is proving bard for newhoys

Hapoel Jerusalem.
The Jerusalemites have a chance to rack up their first points of the season at Teddy against Hapoel Kfar Sava. The other recent inductees to the National League, Hapoel Taiba, travel to nearby Maccabi Petah Tikva with Sahar Mizrahi still suspended. Zafririm Holon's new coach Meir Nimni is hopeful he can get good results from his youthful squad.

Nimni's first match since taking the place of Elisha Levy is a potentially tough fixture against Hapoel Tel Aviv. Nimni might draw some consolation that his opposite oumber Moshe Sinai has already created a deep sense of anger among Hapoel fans just two matches into the long-campaign.

This weekend's National League fixtures (matches kick off 3.30 pm tomor-row unless otherwise stated):

Hapoel Tel Aviv v. Zafririm Holon, Bloomfield Stadium,4.30 pm; Hapoel Jernsalem v. Hapoel Kfar Sava, Teddy Stadium, today; Ironi Risbon Lezion v. Maccabl Haifa, Risbon Municipal Stadium, 5.45 pm; Hapoel Beit She'an Maccabi Petah Tikva v. Hapoel Taiba Maccabi Petah Tikva V. Hapoel Taiba, Petah Tikva; Hapoel Haifa v. Bne; Yehuda, Kiryat Eijezer; today 4.30 pm; Hapoel Beersheba v. Betar Jerusalem, Beersheba 7.15 pm; Maccabi Herzliya v. Maccabi Tel Aviv, Herzliya Municipal Stadium, 6 pm.

Bassett rejects City job offer

MANCHESTER (AP) - Sliding Manchester City suffered another blow yesterday when Crystal Palace manager Dave Bassett turned down an offer to take over at the club.

The move comes two weeks after former Arsenal manager George Graham also turned down the job and decided instead to go to Leeds.

After relegation last season from the Premier League, four losses in seven games in division one and a 4-I crushing by Division Three Lincoln in the League Cup Tuesday, City is close to an all-

Morrison plans return to the ring

TULSA, Oklahoma (Reuter) -Former heavyweight contender Tommy Morrison, who seven months ago retired from boxing after testing positive for the HIV virus, said yesterday that he plans to return to the ring.

Morrison does not have a date. site or an opponent for his return. He told a news conference at the Tulsa Marriott Hotel that the return fight would be a benefit for children AIDS.

The 27-year-old Morrison, who has a 45-3-1 record, still has to be licensed.

Maccabi edges Limoges in Euro League opener

MACCABl Tel Aviv made a successful debut in the new Euro League last night by taking a page

out of its European victories of the past, first raising the blood pressure of its followers before securing the 69-62 win over host shots from the charity line. Limoges only in the game's waning moments.

Oded Katash came off the bench midway through the first half to breathe life into a spottering offense, finishing with a game-high 19 points to help Maccabi head coach Zvi Sherf take revenge over the team that let him go last season. The game looked every bit like

fouls, cold shooting and general sloppy play in abundance on both But a fine defensive performance from the entire Maccabi squad proved the difference, par-

the opening of the seasoo - with

ticularly io sbutting down Limoges super-forward Yann Bonato, who managed only 13 points on 27 percent shooting from the field.

help itself, cooverting on only 17 of 28 (60.7%) free-throws, while Maccabi hit 21 of its 24 (87.5%)

Although Limoges controlled the paint, it had no outside game to speak of, hitting only 1 of 10 from three-point land.

Maccabi appeared to take con-

trol of the game in the opening minutes after the break, quickly building up a 33-28 halftime lead to 37-28. But Limoges just as quickly roared backed, aided by a decisive advantage on the board the entire night that gave the cluh numerous second and third opportunities on the offensive end.

The two teams stayed within three points of each other for most of the second half, with Limoges tying the game for the last time at 62-62 oo a Jean Jacques Conceicao bucket with only 1:30

But then Katash came through in

their second foreigner, Gerald Glass, who only joined the team a Limoges also seemed unable to , the clutch, as he din all night, first few days earlier and scored 6 feeding Randy White inside for a points. Former Maccabi Tel Aviv player three-point play and then icing the

Spencer Dunkley contributed 8 victory by converting four straight free-throws the rest of the way. points for Limoges, as did Marc M'Bahia. Conceicao had seven. White finished the evening with 17 points in a steady performance For Maccabi, playing without the injured Guy Goodes and Derek

at buth ends of the court. Sharp, Brad Leaf contributed 6 However, Maccabi's other foreign player, Buck Johnson, had a points, Constantin Popa 5, Burko Radovic 3 and Nadav Henefeld 2. subpar game with only 9 points, which was particularly surprising In other action in Group A, Stefanel Milan scored a 73-67 considering his consistent perforaway victory in Istanbul over Ulker, while Panionios defeated mances in leading Maccabi to a 13-0 exhibition record. The game also featured Doron visiting CSKA Moscow 72-67

Sheffer's first taste of action with Next Thursday Maccabi returns home for the second of 10 games Maccabi in the European championships. Although he scored only in the pool to face CSKA, which reached the Final Four last season. 8 points and was overshadowed by his backcourt comrade, Sheffer was instrumental in raising the

Ulker CSKA Moscow Limoges

DETROIT - Bostoo Red Sox

right-hander Roger Clemens tied

his own 10-year-old major-league

record with 20 strikeouts against

the Detroit Tigers Wednesday in a

"I feel very fortunate and very

blessed," the 34-year-old pitcher

said. "I've been doing it for 13

years and I can't believe I had 20

4-0, four-hit shutout victory.

Murray's home run ball nets \$500,000

BALTIMORE (AP) - In the biggest deal ever publicly struck for a piece of sports memorabilia, a businessman has agreed to pay \$500,000 for the home run ball

Eddie Murray hit September 6. The homer allowed Murray to join Willie Mays and Hank Aaron as the only Major League baseball players to hit more than 3,000 hits and 500 home runs.

Dan Jones, the 30-year-old marketing firm sales director who caught Murray's ball while on an excursion with family and friends met with the buyer, Michael Lasky, again Wednesday to discuss terms.

Carter Clews, a spokesman for Lasky, said minor details of the agreement were still being nego-

A former professional sports bandicapper with a longstanding love for race horses, Lasky took out an ad in The Baltimore Sun on Sunday making the offer.

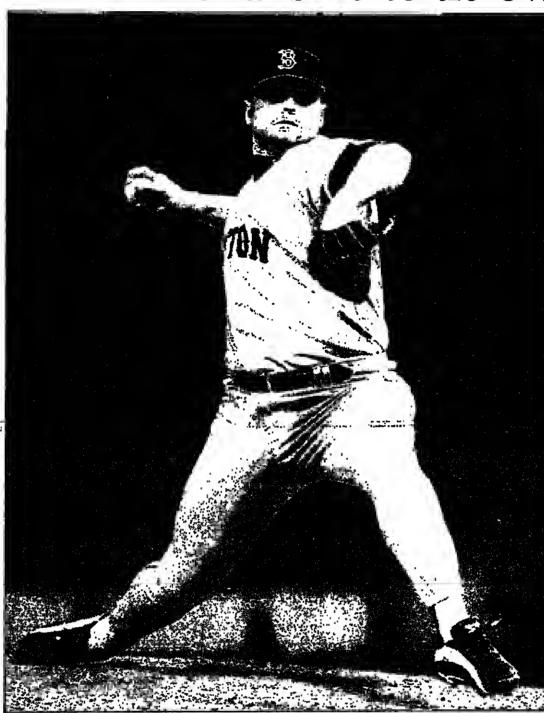
Clemens fans 20 to tie own strikeout record

Fleming led Limoges with 17

points, but the French were ham-

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again. I knew I had a lot, but this is incredible." Clemens had 19 strikeouts through eight innings, but Alan Trammell popped out to first base to open the ninth and Ruben Sierra singled up the middle. Tony Clark flied to deep left for

the second out before Clemens struck out Travis Fryman oo a 2-2 pitch to equal the mark he set on April 29, 1986, when he fanned 20 Seattle Mariners. As in his record performance a

decade ago, Clemens did not walk a batter. Clemens, who is now only 10-

12 for the season but 6-1 since August 1, twice struck out five successive batters. He had seven strikeouts by the end of the third

and allowed only singles to Traumell, Brad Ausmus, Phil Nevin in the eighth and Sierra in the ninth. Fryman struck out in all four plate appearances, while Clark fanned three times. Asked if he was disappointed he

did not break the record, be respooded: "You can't even count on striking out 20 big-league hitters. I'm just happy to tie it." He added: "I mean that's all but

seveo guys in the game." Clemens also tied pitching legend Cy Young atop the all-time Boston list for shutouts (38) and wins (192).

Clemens posted his 67th game with 10 or more strikeouts. Yankees 3, Orioles 2

Ruben Rivera singled home Derek Jeter with two outs in the 10th inning ashost New York increased its lead over the Orioles

WEDNESDAY'S AL RESULTS: Milwankee 2, Toronto 1 Boston 4, Detroit 0 New York 3, Baltimore 2 (10) Cleveland 4, Chicago 3 Minnesota 7, Kansas City 4 California 3, Oakland 1

WEDNESDAY'S NL RESULTS: Atlanta 6. Houston 2 Colorado 6, Los Angeles 4 San Diego 8, San Francisco 5 Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 3 Montreal 4, New York 3 Philadelphia 8, Florida 6

in the AL East to four games. Jeter opened the 10th with a single off Alan Mills (3-2) and Charlie Hayes sacrificed. Tim Raines's groundout to second moved Jeter to third, and Rivera hit a 2-2 pitch into right field just over second baseman Roberto

Alomar's leaping attempt.

Mariano Rivera (7-2) pitched 1% perfect innings for the victory.

In defeating the Orioles for the ointh time in 11 games this season, the Yankees made sure they would remain in first place at the completioo of this showdown series.

allowed two hits in seven shutout innings. Blue Jays starter Erik Hanson gave up four hits in seven innings.
NATIONAL LEAGUE

Braves 6, Astros 2

Fred McGriff moved closer to another 30-homer season with a pair of two-run home runs, leading host Atlanta to its fourth straight

Atlanta reduced its magic number to six for winning the NL

inning. McGriff, who had only one Clemens struck out the side in homer in his previous 21 games, the second, fifth and sixth interest and at least 30 homers for seven straight years before he hit 27 in the strike-shortened 1995 sea-

> Rockies 6, Dodgers 4 Andres Galarraga broke a fifth-inning tie with his NL-leading 46th homer as the host Rockies rebounded.

> The Rockies, who have been nohit twice this season, didn't get a hit until the third inning but recovered from a 3-0 deficit to end Pedro Astacio's five-game winning streak.

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Hughes asks referees for protection on field

LONDON (AP) - After high-profile spells with Manchester United, Barcelona and now Chelsea, United has produced its best form away fi Mark Hughes has gained an image as a tough, battering-ram type of striker feared by defenders.
So why is the 31-year-old Welshman asking for

more protection from referees? It's like Mike Tyson asking for help in the ring.

Even after a lopsided 4-1 victory at Division Two Blackpool in Wednesday's League Cup game, Hughes and Chelsea coach Rund Gullit were com-

aining that the striker took far too much physical abuse from opponents. "He spent the game being kicked - he doesn't get and Branco also netted and the protection he deserves," Gullit said. "We don't a hand in two of the goals. want any favoritism. But I think referees should pro-

tect him a bit more." Perhaps the timing of the Chelsea striker's plea is Tomorrow, Gullit's third place team goes to

standings leader Liverpool, which has started with four wins and two ties and leads the field by two

Liverpool defenders Mark Wright and Phil Babb know all about Hughes's bustling style of play and won't be too pleased if the match referee gives the muscular striker more protection than usual. With Czech Republic midfielder Patrik Berger

making an instant impact with two goals at Leicester last weekend, Liverpool looks a fearsome opponent and Chelsea will do well to gain a point at Antield. Second place Manchester United, the defending titlist which top scores with 16 goals from six games, also has a tough away game at Aston Villa, which is

unbeaten since the opening day. Villa, which is eighth, has dropped points by conceding far too many late equalizers and has squanUnited has produced its best form away from home

with a 3-0 victory at Wimbledon and 4-0 at Leeds. But last week it gained a 4-1 home triumph over Nottingham Forest with Eric Cantona scoring twice and new Norwegian star Ole Gunnar Solskjaer netting another.

Middlesbrough is another team in high-scoring form, hitting seven Wednesday in a League Cup triumph over Division Three basement club Hereford. Fabrizio Ravanelli scored four to take his total for the season to 10 in seven games. Brazilians Emerson

and Branco also netted and countryman Juninho had Now Bryan Robson's team hosts an Arsenal lineup once proud to have the best defensive record but now the third best scorer with 13 from six games. On

Monday, Ian Wright scored three goals as the Gunners, still waiting for French coach Arsene Wenger to join them from Japan's Grampus Eight, overpowered Sheffield Wednesday 4-1. Newcastle, which has moved up to fourth after a

slow start, has an intriguing game at Leeds, which is still looking for its first win under new manager Sheffield Wednesday, which has lost its last two

league games, hopes to halt that slide with a home win over promoted Derby. Blackburn Rovers, league titlist only two seasons

ago, now lies at the foot of the standings with just one point from six games, ironically a 2-2 tie at Manchester United. Pressure is mounting on manager Ray Harford but Rovers can relieve some of it by scoring a home win tomorrow over a another surprise struggler, Everton,

which is 15th of the 20 teams.

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Barak and Ramon seek support of Peres

LABOR leader Shimon Peres yesterday met with the two chief contenders to replace him in the party's top slot - MKs Ehud Barak and Haim Ramon.

Both requested meetings, seeking at least a photo opportunity with Peres, if not an outright endorsement, a day after Peres announced he would not be seeking to retain the leadership.

Though Peres has not said whom he will back, it is thought that if any real cooperation were discussed yesterday, it was with Ramon, whose audience at lunehtime preceded the early evening courtesy call paid hy

The cootest for the party leadership is slated for next June, but party insiders do not rule out the possibility that Peres may help Ramon get it delayed. Ramon is eonsidered to be at a disadvantage, since he is largely hlamed for Labor's electoral debacle in

Barak, meanwhile, has irked Peres hy throwing hia hat in the ring in a fashion that appeared to be pushing him out.

Sources close to Barak note that MK Yossi Beilin has announced plans to propose a postponement of the leadership contest. Beilin, a Peres protege, is also closely asso-

POLICE will soon turn over to

Attorney-General Michael Ben-

Yair the results of the investiga-

tion of former justice minister

Ya'acov Ne'eman, but will not

make a recommendation as to

whether charges should be filed

Ne'eman was questioned by

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said yesterday.

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ciated with Ramon

Ramon and MK Ephraim Sneh, who has also declared his candidacy, might either support the move or at least not oppose it.

Ramon said last night that he has not yet decided if he is going to run for Labor's top spot. Much would depend, he said, on whether the convention would accept his demand for open primaries, in which all voters, not only registered party members, may take part. Such a change is unlikely, but the issue may give Ramon time to test the waters.

MK Uzi Baram promises to declare within a month whether or

not he will join the fray.

Meanwhile, party officials continued to speculate on what Peres'a announcement oot to seek the party leadership again really means. A source close to Peres rejected the interpretation that Peres is angling to facilitate the establishment of a national unity government, in which his status as Labor's senior representative would be assured.

Peres himself referred to that possibility as "highly hypotheti-cal. There is no such offer before

Police to give Ben-Yair

results of Ne'eman probe

for allegedly trying to influence a

witness not to cooperate with

police in the Aryeh Deri fraud

case. When Ben-Yair ordered the

investigation, Ne'eman resigned

ney-general to make a recommen-

dation, so we're not going to make

one," as is often the case in inves-

tigations, said a senior officer

"We weren't asked by the attor-

his ministerial post.

Peres harbors such vindictiveness toward Barak that he would jump. at any chance to foil him, even if that meant joining a government under Binyamin Netanyahu. Such a move, it is argued, would also make it possible for Netanyahu to reduce Barak's status as a potential challenger to him.

Upon leaving Peres's office last oight, Barak said, "As far as political maneuverings are concerned, I am a virgin. I believe that in the end, the simple, honest path will be chosen, the primaries will be held as scheduled in 1997, and all will turn out for the best."

MK Dalia Itzik, who also met with Peres yesterday, judges that despite his decision oot to run, Shimon remains Labor's most powerful figure, and I advise all leadership aspirants to heed well the warning that absolutely no one can win without Peres's support." Both Labor MK Rafi Elul and Ma'alot Mayor Shlomo Buhbut yesterday asked Peres not to step down as party leader.

Elul argued that "whether or oot Peres intends to run for prime minister again is immaterial. If he allows a battle of succession now, the party will be embroiled in destructive political hlood-letting that will make any recovery total-

involved in the inquiry.

The officer said it appeared that

Ne'eman would not be sum-

moned again for questioning, and

the investigation would be fin-

ished soon. Ben-Yair will then

decide whether to take legal

action against Ne'eman, the offi-

Ne'eman has strongly denied the

allegations, and wants to return to

the government as justice minister

if he is cleared by Ben-Yair.



A Jerusalem man swings a chicken around the head of a woman in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market yesterday in the traditional pre-Yom Kippur 'kapparot' ceremony, in which one's sins are symbolically transferred to a fowl.

Kahalani convinces Amit not to quit police

Amit apparently still in running for top job

CMDR. Arye Amit decided last night to stay on as Jerusalem police chief, following a meeting with Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani,

Kahalani apparently coovinced Amit that despite the appointment of Cmdr. Gahi Last as the new deputy inspector-general, he still remains in the running to be appointed the next inspector-gen-

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A ministry spokesman, in a statement released after the meeting held in Kahalani's Tel Aviv office, announced Amit's decision to stay in his post.

Amit has long seen himself as the successor to Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz, and believes the Last appointment may have torpe-doed his chance of getting the post. Hefetz also tried to convince Amit that the race for his successor is still on.

Amit, who has been at the helm in Jerusalem for two-and-a-half years, received phone calls from senior police officers and politicians trying to convince him to

With Last leaving Tel Aviv, police hrass will uodergo a major shake-up, with speculation already runoing rampant as to which officer will get what

Earlier this week, Kahalani announced that Hefetz's term was being extended at least until January 1998.

Police sources said it is unlikely to be extended beyond then, hecause he will have already served four years as inspector-

Amit appeared relaxed yesterday, joking about the questions that have arisen about his

in Germany and transferred to

banks in Switzerland for storage.

At the time of the settlement with

Switzerland in 1946, British and

US officials believed that all the

lont was being handed over, hut it

is now believed that the gold

delivered to London and New

York represented just one-tenth of

Rifkind met yesterday with his

Swiss counterpart, Flavio Cotti.

and was expected to press him to

disclose the full extent of Nazi

gold still in Switzerland's bank

Nazi gold, Swiss shame, Page 9

the Swiss holdings.

Swiss gov't to give Jewish groups a million Swiss francs

Britain considers turning over \$30b. in Nazi gold war plunder

DOUGLAS DAVIS and news agencies

THE Swiss government, which apologized to Jews a year ago for "unforgivable" wrongs committed during the Holocaust, announced yesterday that it is giving Jewish organizations one million Swiss

francs (\$810,000). The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs said the gifts are in connection with last year's 50th anniversary observance of the end of World War II.

It did not elaborate, but at the time the governing seven-member Federal Council, or cabinet, admitted officially for the first time that Switzerland was guilty of turning hack Jews to Nazi

Germany. The gift came as Switzerland has come under renewed accusations that it profited from gold and ewels stolen by the Nazis from

The foreign department announcement said that each of two organizations would receive half a million francs. One organization is Amcha, the National Israeli Center for Psychological Support of Survivors of the Holocaust and the Second Generation.

The second, set up by the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation, is the Project for the Maintenance of the Former Concentration Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Meanwhile, British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind is understood to be coosidering handing about \$30 hillion of lonted Nazi gold to Jewish welfare organizatioos which care for Holocaust victims and their descendants, sources in London said yesterday.

The gold, being held by the Bank of England, represents one-half of an Anglo-American settlement with the Swiss authorities following World War II. The remainder is stored in New York.

The wartime allies have been holding the gold, plundered by the Nazis from the treasuries of German-occupied Europe and from Jewiah communities, with the ioteotion of distributing it among countries and individuals whose treasure had been

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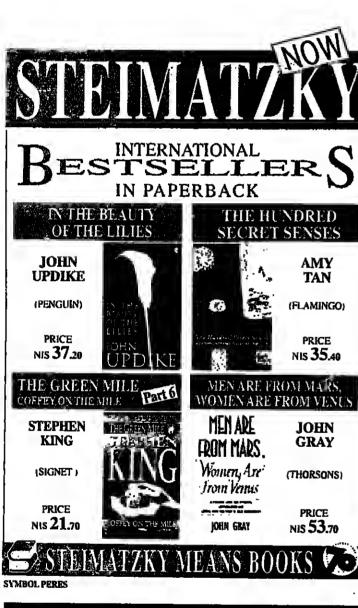
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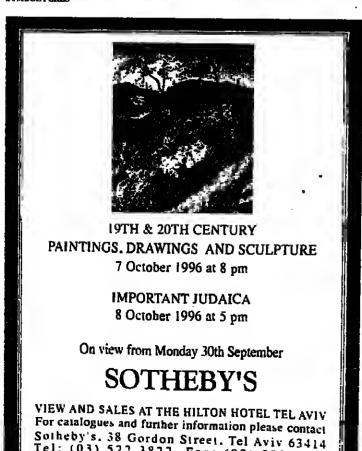
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MERETZ leader Yossi Sarid yesterday called on students, parents, and teachers to boycott the tours in Hebron being sponsored by the Education Ministry, saying they are politically motivated and fos-

ter support for extremists. "The vast majority of the public does oot send its children to school in order to be brainwashed hy fanatics and xenophobes" Sarid said. "Not every deputy minister can be an educator in whose hands we'd be prepared to place our chil-

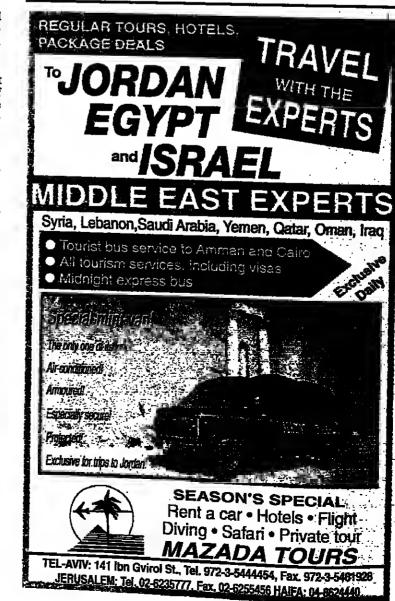
dren's education." In response, Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled, the idea's main backer, said: "Sarid believes himself to be a light to the public and the educator of this generation. But he doesn't understand, or prefers to forget, that the public rejected him and his outlook in a democratie process." Liat Collins





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